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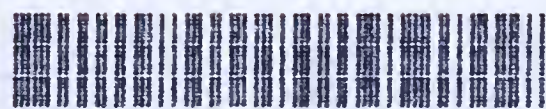
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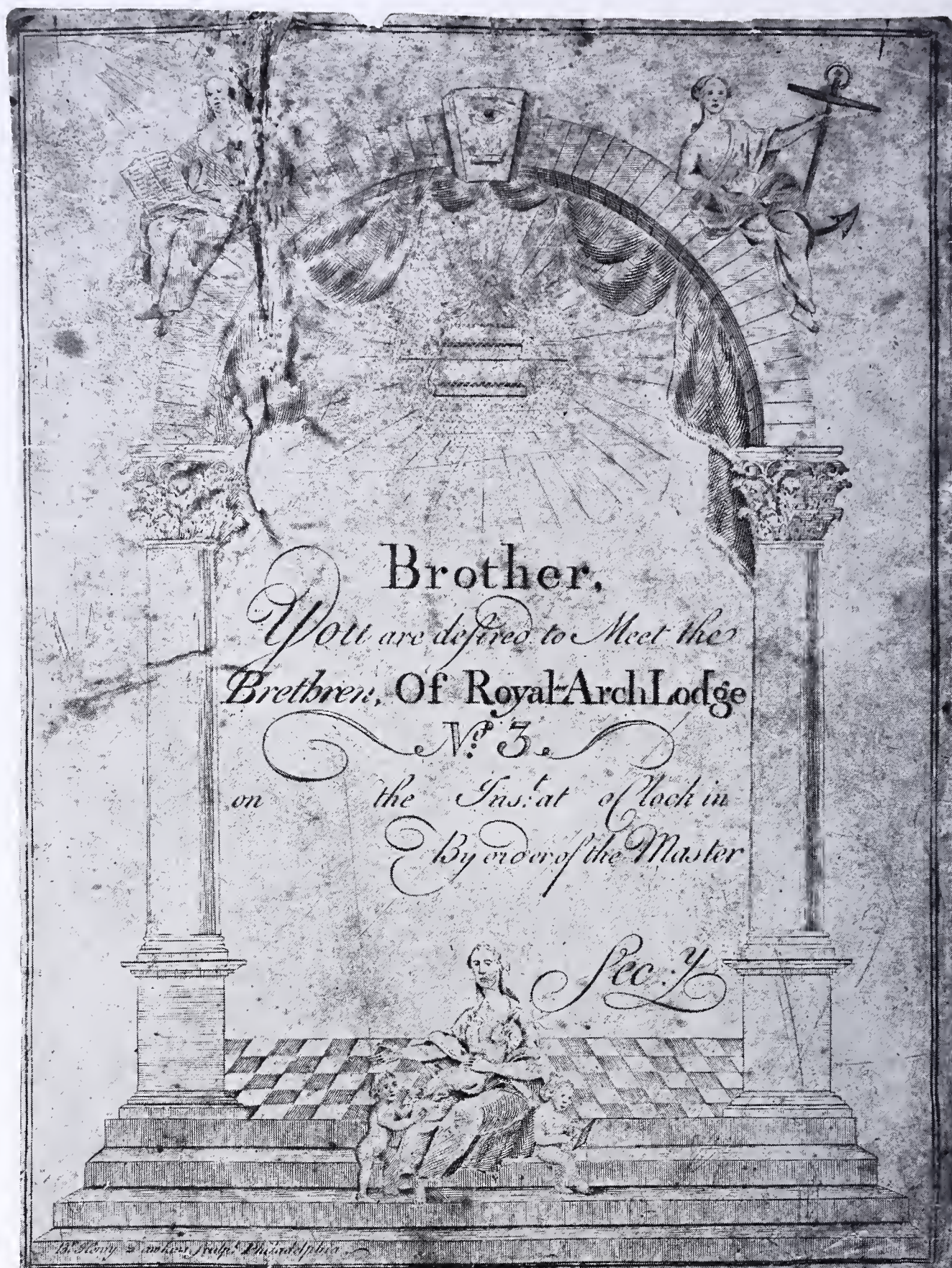
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OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND
MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 27, 1912
BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED *and* SEVENTEENTH YEAR

PHILADELPHIA:
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MARCH 7, 1912, A. I. 2442.

“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . . *Grand Tyler.*

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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EZRA S. BARTLETT, EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

- “ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
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- “ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
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- “ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 163, 165, 169, 171, 175, 177, 182, 183, 185, 189, 190, 197, 198, 199, 202, 208, 209, 215, 216, 220, 223, 226, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 240, 241, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 266, 267, 270, 273, 275, 279, 283, 284, 291. (56 Chapters.) (131 members.) (50 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Wednesday, December 27, 1911, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 294, 195 and 175, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following QUARTERLY REPORT

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from November 20, 1911, to February 29, 1911, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters	\$ 9,789 95	
“ Interest on Investments	196 25	
“ Certificates	8 00	
		\$ 9,994 20
All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add Cash on hand, November 20, 1911.....	1,581 96	
		Total, \$11,576 16

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	\$ 750 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,253 94	
Salaries	862 50	
Clothing and Furniture	95	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals.....	1 60	
Telephone	16 65	
Treasurer's Bond	20 00	
Expenses Instruction in the Work	10 90	
Charity	50 00	
Investment	2,000 00	
		\$ 4,966 54
Balance,	6,609 62	
		<u>\$11,576 16</u>

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
JOHN A. PERRY,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 294 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 195 be returned to said Chapter with directions that the Chapter prepare a code of By-Laws in conformity with the form laid down by Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 175 be amended as follows:

Amend Article IV, Sec. 6, by striking out the *third* paragraph.

Amend Article IX, Sec. 1, by striking out the *sixth* and *seventh* lines.

Amend Article XI, Sec. 2, by striking out the *second* paragraph.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
HENRY W. SMITH,

Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 21, 150, 163, 164, 165, 166, 170, 172, 173, 175, 177, 179, 180, 182, 183, 187, 189, 191, 193, 194, 199, 200, 201, 209, 212, 215, 216, 217, 222, 225, 226, 227, 230, 235, 236, 237, 241, 245, 246, 248, 252, 255, 257, 260, 261, 264, 268, 271, 272, 274, 278, 279, 280, 283, 284, 289, 291, 292, 293, 294, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Charity presented the following report, which was received, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Charity respectfully report having carefully looked after the widow of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, handing to her in instalments, the amount authorized to be drawn for her under a previous resolution, and desire to report that there is no change in the condition of her affairs, she being utterly dependent upon her sister for sustenance. Believing that this Grand Chapter should continue to materially assist her in her declining years, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) at such times and in such amounts as may be required to further relieve her necessities.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. POORE,

CURTIS H. HANNUM,

For the Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 7, 1912.

A. G. C. Smith, Esq.,

M. E. Grand High Priest, etc.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1911, were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, Ware Brothers Company.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,

JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,

FRANK E. TOWNSEND,

MURRAY GORGAS,

WESLEY R. MORGAN,

Committee.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and read, and ordered spread upon the Minutes:

PHILADELPHIA, February 6, 1912.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and
Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that in compliance with the action taken by Grand Chapter at its Quarterly Communication, June 8, A. D. 1911, the report of the Special Committee appointed “to investigate the conditions said to require such investigation, existing or said to exist in Chapter No. . . . ,” the answer of R. A. Chapter, No. . . . , under date of November 23, 1911, and the further answer of the Chapter through a Special Committee consisting of Companions were submitted to it and have had its careful and fraternal consideration.

The serious irregularities and the admitted violations of Constitutional law require something more than the mere frank admission of wrong-doing on the part of the offending Chapter. A consistent effort should be made to remedy the injury that has been done. Sequestration of the Warrant of the Chapter would injure the innocent as well as punish the guilty.

Your Committee has therefore unanimously resolved to request the Most Excellent Grand High Priest to remove from office Companion , Secretary of the Chapter. His knowledge of the law cannot be doubted and his failure to act within its known requirements makes this action imperative, if the dignity and supremacy of Grand Chapter is to be maintained.

Your Committee further recommends that the names of the Companions who received the Capitular Degrees without the payment of any fee, be stricken from the roll of members unless within three months from the date of this Quarterly Communication they pay to the Chapter all fees and arrearages of dues.

Your Committee further recommends that R. A. Chapter No. . . . , be directed to notify all of its members in arrears for two or more years’ dues that the arrearages must be paid to the Chapter on or before the stated meeting of the Chapter in December next.

Your Committee asks that Grand Chapter accepts this report and adopts the foregoing recommendations and that this Grand Chapter by so doing emphatically condemns the unbusinesslike and loose methods which have characterized the transactions of the affairs of R. A. Chapter No. . . . , since its constitution.

Your Committee further recommends that a copy of this report be transmitted to Chapter No., with directions to have it read in open Chapter and spread in full upon the minutes at its next stated meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

HIBBERT P. JOHN,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
EZRA S. BARTLETT,
EDWARD B. SPENCER,
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,

Committee.

A communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, announcing the death of a distinguished Companion as follows:

M. E. Companion WILLIAM J. A. DE LANCEY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois. Died February 13, 1912.

On motion of M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, the Secretary was directed to send messages of love, respect and best wishes for an early restoration to complete health, to Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand King, and Companion WINFIELD S. BELL, Grand Scribe of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companion WILLIAM H. GROSSCUP, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, and R. E. Companion EDWARD A. KRAUSSMAN, Grand Representative of

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, each responded to the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest in characteristic addresses.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by Companion J. WILLISON SMITH, Scribe of Oriental R. A. Chapter No. 183, acting as Worshipful Master, assisted by the officers of the Chapter.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA

JUNE 6, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

PRESENT:

Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, .	. M. E. Grand High Priest.
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, .	. M. E. Grand King.
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, .	. M. E. Grand Scribe.
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, .	. M. E. Grand Treasurer.
“ STOCKTON BATES, .	<i>acting</i> M. E. Grand Secretary.
“ REV. CHARLES H. BOND, .	. Grand Chaplain.
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, .	. Grand Captain of the Host.
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, .	. Grand Principal Sojourner.
“ CHARLES S. BAIR, .	. Grand Royal Arch Captain.
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER, .	. Grand Master of the Third Vail.
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., .	. Grand Master of the Second Vail.
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, .	. Grand Master of the First Vail.
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, .	. Grand Marshal.
“ ROBERT D. COLE, .	. as Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.
“ JOHN C. TAYLOR, .	. as Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.
“ CHARLES S. WOOD, .	. Grand Pursuivant.
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, .	. Grand Tyler.

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, JOHN C. TAYLOR, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives, Companions

SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
CHARLES E. COOPER, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
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WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 169, 171, 175, 176, 177, 182, 183, 190, 196, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 219, 220, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 266, 267, 283, 284. (41 Chapters.)
(88 members.) (34 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 7, 1912, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 211 and 256 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, May 30, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from February 29, 1912, to May 31, 1912, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$ 482 75	
“ Interest on investments	450 00	
“ Interest on bank balances	37 25	
“ Certificates	12 00	
“ Dispensation	3 00	
		\$ 985 00
All of which was paid over to the Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add balance February 9, 1912		6,609 62
		<u>\$7,594 62</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$ 750 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	157 90	
Salaries	862 50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	853 95	
Telephone	33 35	
Charity	50 00	
Expenses Instruction in the Work	50 00	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	1,000 00	
		\$3,789 70
To which add balance May 31, 1912	3,804 92	
		<u>\$7,594 62</u>

Fraternally submitted,

EZRA S. BARTLETT,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
JOHN A. PERRY,

Committee.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 1912.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it, and offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 211 and 256 be approved.

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 91, 162, 171, 174, 176, 181, 186, 192, 204, 208, 210, 220, 233, 239, 242, 244, 247, 249, 251, 263, 265, 266, 269, 275, 281, and 285, which were ordered to be received and filed.

A communication was received from Chapter No. 174, asking permission to receive a fourth petition from Brother, who was thrice rejected in said Chapter, whereupon it was, on motion duly made and seconded, resolved that permission be granted under the usual restrictions.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion GEORGE H. DANNELLY, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died December 4, 1911.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY JEWEL, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of Florida. Died January 2, 1912.

M. E. Companion THOMAS J. ANDERSON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of

Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died January 31, 1912.

M. E. Companion GEORGE FORSYTH, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died February 19, 1912.

M. E. Companion EDGAR M. LATHAM, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died March 16, 1912.

M. E. Companion DAVID A. DOUGLAS, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota. Died March 20, 1912.

M. E. Companion GEORGE WASHINGTON PRESCOTT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died March 21, 1912.

M. E. Companion GAYLORD J. KLOCK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died March 28, 1912.

The Right Honorable the EARL OF EUSTON, Pro. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Died —, 1912.

M. E. Companion DR. CLARK E. SPENCER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died May 5, 1912.

Companion CHARLES E. POSTLEY, M. D. R. E. Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland. Died April 7, 1912.

R. E. Companion JOHN GREGOR, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died March 21, 1912.

Companion EUGENE T. ADT, Grand Master of the Third Vail of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Connecticut. Died February 24, 1912.

The M. E. Grand High Priest in a very touching tribute announced the death of REV. THOMPSON P. EGE, late Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, and called on REV. CHARLES H. BOND for a few words In Memoriam.

REV. CHARLES H. BOND delivered a thoughtful eulogy, full of pathos and fraternal feeling.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Mason was exemplified by Companion GEORGE L. GARDNER, King of Jerusalem R. A. Chapter No. 3.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eight o'clock and fifty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
SEPTEMBER 5, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

PRESENT :

Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ STOCKTON BATES, . . .	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ REV. CHARLES H. BOND, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ CHARLES S. BAIR, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ ULYSSES G. REALEY, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ HOWARD M. BROWN, . . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

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M. E. Companion CHARLES D. BURRAGE, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, accompanied by M. E. Companion HARRY HUNT, Past Grand High Priest and E. Companion AUGUSTUS P. CALDER, Grand Royal Arch Captain; M. E. Companion ABRAM A. REGER, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Jersey, accompanied by E. Companion FREDERICK J. MELVIN,

Grand Scribe; R. E. Companion EDWARD MILL, R. E. Grand Treasurer; R. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, R. E. Grand Secretary; R. E. Companion HENRY S. HAINES, Grand Lecturer, and V. E. Companion LORENZO D. SANBORN, Deputy Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion SAMUEL H. BENSON, JR., M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware, accompanied by V. E. Companion WALTER W. BACON, Deputy Grand High Priest; E. Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR, Grand King; E. Companion JAMES B. BROAD, Grand Scribe, and E. Companion STUART J. HORN, Grand Lecturer, were pleased to visit the Grand Chapter, and were received with the customary honors.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 6, 1912, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws were received from Chapters Nos. 195, 196, 233 and 275, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, August 30, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the

M. E. Grand Secretary, from May 31, 1912, to August 29, 1912, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS

From Chapters	\$ 168 25	
“ Interest on Investments	232 70	
“ Certificates	6 00	
“ Constitutions	10 00	
		<hr/>
		\$ 416 95

Which was paid over to the Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.

To which add balance May 31, 1912	3,804 92	
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		\$4,221 87

EXPENDITURES.

District Deputy Grand High Priests	\$ 16 00	
Salaries	862 50	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	822 94	
(Includes cost of printing the new Constitution.)		
Telephone Service	8 25	
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	\$1,709 69	

To which add balance August 30, 1912	2,512 18	
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		\$4,221 87

Fraternally submitted,

W. M. DONALDSON,
JOHN A. PERRY,

Committee.

Your Committee on Finance desires to place on record, its sincere regret in the loss of its Chairman, Most Excellent Companion, EZRA S. BARTLETT, Past Grand High Priest, who died July 17, 1912, and of its high appreciation of his valuable services for so many years.

He always manifested a great interest in the wise management and protection of the finances of this Grand Chapter, which has lost a faithful servant whose memory we deeply cherish. We will hold him in grateful and loving remembrance.

W. M. DONALDSON.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions

attached thereto were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 1912.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws referred to it and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 195 be amended as follows:

Article IV, Sec. 3, by adding in the sixth line after the word "Chapter," the words "as Treasurer."

Article IX, by adding "Section 4" of the form laid down by Grand Chapter.

Article X, Sec. 2, in the first line after the word "purpose" the phrase "The amount now in the hands of the Trustees," be added.

and that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 196 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters Nos. 233 and 275 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
HENRY W. SMITH,

Committee.

The M. E. Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, A. D. 1912.

*To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,
and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.*

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1911, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1910, as per last report	31,695
Admitted during the year 1911.....	154
Restored to Membership	56
Marked, etc.	1,637
	1,847
Total	33,542

Deduct.

Died during the year 1911	504
Resigned, or Membership ceased	198
Suspended or Expelled	337
	1,039
Membership, December 27, 1911, per returns	32,503
A net gain of	808
Rejected during 1911	96
Restored to G. M. S.	17

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1910	425
Admitted	1
Total	426

Deduct.

Died during the year 1911	26
Membership, December 27, 1911	400
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1911....	135
Number of Mark Lodges	3

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December
27, 1911.

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS. MEMB.
3	Jerusalem	55	6	13	2	1 664
21	Perseverance	18	1	3	1	298
43		17	1	4		349
52	Harmony	21	7	33	6	18 1,213
91	Columbia	48	4	7	2	4 742
150	Washington	6	1	2	4	6 262
152	Reading	13	5	5	2	249
159	Schuylkill	1				49
161	Union	9		4	3	204
162	Zerubbabel	42	7	18	2	12 1,158
163	La Fayette	7				143
164	Brownsville	6		2		2 146
165	Union	11	1	2		8 219
166	Mount Moriah	3	4			107
167	Eureka	6		3		149
169	Philadelphia	8	1	12	4	12 263
170	Delta	20	4	3	9	5 346
171	St. John's	10		2	1	137
172	Temple			1		111
173	Easton	8	3	4	2	304
174	Northumberland	8	2	2		1 133
175	Keystone	35	1	14	4	8 622
176	George Washington	6	1	2	1	8 136
177	Tamaqua	6	1	1	1	3 76
178	Catawissa	2	1			39
179	Eureka	3		3		3 157
180	Warren					43
181	Lilly	2		2	1	136
182	Shekinah	10	5	2	2	14 361
183	Oriental	43	3	26	5	1,200
185	Lackawanna	7	1	7	2	2 441
186	Lewistown	10		4		109
187	Oriental	1			1	93
189	Mountain	7	3	10		353
190	Norristown	11	1	4	1	4 414
191	Solomon	1	1			98
192	Urania	5		3		1 334

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
193	Duquesne	39	9	14	5	5	927
194	Tioga	8				2	75
195	Portage	33	1	3	1		246
196	Mountain City	1		1			171
197	Weidle	6		2			164
198	Phœnix	15		3		1	242
199	Howell	12	4	3			258
200	Columbus	3		3	2		91
201	Standing Stone	2	1	3	1		101
202	Howell	8		6			140
203	Allen	4		5		1	285
204	Anthony Wayne	4		1	1		84
205	Factoryville	1			2	7	68
206	Harmony	7					190
207	Aaron	5		2	1	2	77
208	Germantown	22	2	6	1	5	319
209	Samuel C. Perkins	5		1			78
210	Great Bend		1	1	1	2	33
211	Venango	3		1		16	217
212	Mound	18		1		1	198
214	Valley	2		3			85
215	Temple	21	2	9	5	6	383
216	Zinzendorf	8	1		3	1	105
217	Allegheny	17		10		3	773
218	Bloomsburg	7	1	4			94
219	Griscom	2		1			104
220	Fort Washington	12	2				84
221	Tremont	1		2		5	75
222	Lycoming	22	1	10		2	425
223	Oxford	7		3	1	2	107
224	Corinthian			3			123
225	Jefferson	5		4	5	5	261
226	Siloam	27	1	5	3	5	282
227	Emporium	1		2		5	93
228	Clearfield	8			3	4	180
230	Elk	11	1	1	2		145
232	St. John	18	1	7		23	261
233	Kensington	14		19	2	4	518
234	Media	2	3	2		1	117
235	Occidental	3		1			164
236	Oil City	3	2	4	1	3	245
237	Excelsior	16		4	3	8	461

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
238	Newport	5	1	4		2	64
239	Danville	5		1		6	81
240	Palestine	48	9	15	3	7	613
241	Bellefonte	4	1	2			98
242	Pittston	16	6	3	1	2	169
243	T. B. Freeman	27	2	19	4	4	812
244	Norman	9		5	1	1	186
245	Abington	10	1	1	1		130
246	Warrior Run	6				4	140
247	Orient	3		6		3	250
248	Temple	14	2	4	4	6	293
249	Monongahela	3			1	4	194
250	Corinthian	17	2	11	3	7	353
251	Signet	11	3	2	6	4	234
252	Mizpah	4		2		1	94
254	Arnold	4					41
255	Bedford	7		3		2	85
256	University	44	2	7	5	3	668
257	Shiloh	33	3	7	2	4	607
258	Chester	9	1	8	2	1	368
259	Eden	7	1	3	1		177
260	Bradford	3	4	5	5	2	277
261	Troy	9	1	2	1	2	83
262	Montgomery	11	2	2		5	214
263	Coudersport	7		2			86
264	Shamokin	4		2	2	1	143
265	Westfield	2	1	2			36
266	Good Samaritan	1		1			115
267	Coatesville	10		1		1	165
268	Pittsburgh	36		2	3	5	526
269	Ulysses	2				1	39
270	Doylestown						123
271	Pottstown	9		1			194
272	Hebron	5					92
273	Butler	28	5	2	1	8	235
274	Bangor	3					98
275	Kennett	6	1	2	1		65
276	The Susquehanna			1			72
277	Hazleton	4		1			169
278	Catasauqua	8		2		1	150
279	Kane	9		1	3	4	89
280	Cyrus	22		3	38	1	281

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
281	Monroe	13		2			125
282	McKeesport	61	2	3	1	1	513
283	Connellsville	11		1	1		141
284	Melita	81	3	4	4		635
285	Wilkinsburg	26	3	2	2	13	299
286	Bellevue	24			1		242
287	Nanticoke			1			32
288	Mizpeh	15	1	1	1		196
289	Valley	9		2			131
290	Monessen	15		1	1		129
291	Ezra	3		2			77
292	Slatington	13					56
293	Amity	16	16	2			56
294	Darius	16	39				55
		<hr/> 1,637	<hr/> 210	<hr/> 504	<hr/> 198	<hr/> 337	<hr/> 32,503

Missives were received from Grand Chapters as follows:

From R. E. Companion JOHN C. BONE, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, enclosing Commission appointing Companion FRANK W. MARTENIS, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion FRANK W. MARTENIS was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut, enclosing Commission appointing Companion IRA GEORGE ROSS, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion IRA GEORGE ROSS was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, enclosing Commission appointing Companion FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion JOHN FISHEL, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, enclosing Commission appointing Companion WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion WILLIAM H. DENLINGER was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion C. R. PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, enclosing Commission appointing Companion FRED M. SMITH, as Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion FRED M. SMITH was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin, enclosing Commission appointing Companion WILLIAM E. PERRY, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion Companion WILLIAM E. PERRY was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, referring in a touching tribute to the recent death of Past Grand High Priest, Companion EZRA S. BARTLETT, announced that a suitable In Memoriam would be presented at a subsequent meeting of Grand Chapter.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion EDWARD B. NEWNAM, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died April 27, 1912.

M. E. Companion DAVID E. MORGAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota. Died May 11, 1912.

At this September Quarterly Communication the Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions, and the

occasion was made memorable by the several timely addresses of the visitors.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, in calling upon the visitors said:

“We are honored this evening by the presence of the Grand Officers of three States. Unfortunately for us, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Massachusetts must leave on the 8.55 train for home, as business of importance demands his presence there tomorrow. I had hoped he would have been able to remain with us, to see us exemplify the Royal Arch degree. That being impossible, we have excused him in order to allow him to make that train, so I shall have him and his companion Grand Officers presented to you at this time.

“Most Excellent Companion Past Grand High Priest George W. Kendrick, will you be kind enough to present Most Excellent Companion Charles Dana Burrage, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; also, Most Excellent Companion Harry Hunt, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts; and Most Excellent Companion Augustus P. Calder, Grand Royal Arch Captain, in front of the station of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, facing the west.”

The officers were conducted to their position and the usual honors were paid to the visiting officers.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest continued:

“Most Excellent Companion Charles Dana Burrage, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I assure you you do us very great honor to journey from Boston to our city to be present at this Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. We realize that it is with some sacrifice of time and effort, but we are delighted to have you with us. We have done our best today to show you our appreciation of the journey you have made to spend this hour or so in our presence. Your jurisdiction and ours have much in common; much historically speaking, much interesting to you personally; much educationally; much masonically, because both jurisdictions have had much of common interest connected with their early existence, both as to the Blue Lodge and Chapter. I am delighted to say to this Grand Chapter that you personally appreciate the teachings of the Capitular

degrees, and with us, strive to make an impression upon other jurisdictions, that the grand work in which we are engaged, is not only to perfect the ritual and obedience to the law, but to impress upon the candidates who come before us the importance of the truths that are taught, and *that* delights my heart.

“The Grand Chapter will be pleased to have you address it at this time.”

• Most Excellent Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, then responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest Smith and companions of this Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:

“On behalf of my associates and myself I thank you for the extreme courtesy and warmth of your welcome which touch our very heart strings.

“As pilgrims to a holy shrine, we come from the Colony, Province and Commonwealth of Massachusetts,—‘Land of many hills,’ to this City of Brotherly Love, among the sylvan vales of the ancient land of Penn; to this historic sister Colony, Province and Commonwealth to bring the warm greetings of twenty-three thousand devoted Royal Arch Masons under the obedience of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to the Companions of your Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter here assembled.

“I am sure that you will be glad to know that we brought from Boston, the birthplace of Franklin, a wreath of remembrance, which today through your courtesy, with reverence and affection, we have laid upon his grave here in the city he loved. We have, further, tenderly placed a similar wreath at the monument at Valley Forge, erected by Massachusetts to the memory of her soldiers who suffered there. These fragrant memories of self-sacrificing patriotism of the past, bind our great Commonwealths together by indissoluble bonds. Boston and Philadelphia both may well glory in their unrivaled possession of immortal shrines of patriotism that are such potent magnets of attraction to all American born,—to all lovers of liberty everywhere. Under the scarlet banner of the Chapter, also, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts have both kept the ancient faith of the fathers untarnished; the Masonry pure and undefiled, that Washington knew and loved.

“To you who have so faithfully kept the trust reposed in you, we from Massachusetts bring greeting in fraternity, with our strong assurance of good-will and high confidence in your continued devotion to the God-given principles that flourish under the Royal Arch.

“Companions, have we not a right, an inherent as well as traditional right, to be proud of the Chapter, and all that it means to us; to glory in its rich and splendid symbolism; to rejoice in the magnificence of its ceremonials, to humble our hearts in contriteness under its sublime teachings of the Truths of God?

“As Maeterlinck say: ‘Of that perfect ideal that each of us strives to build up in himself, the sum total of all our thoughts will help only to model the outline; but the elements that go to construct it, and keep it alive, are the purified passion, unselfishness, loyalty, wherein these thoughts have had being. The extent of our love for the thing which we hold to be true is of greater importance than even the truth itself.’ (In *Wisdom and Destiny*.)

“So, as we who love Masonry, recall the unbroken lines of its masters and teachers reaching back through the centuries until their faint receding shadows are lost in the mists of antiquity, we also realize their potent spirit of devotion to, and unquestioning belief in, our ancient institution, that has ever held it to be the handmaid of the Almighty, upholding truth, teaching obedience to His laws, and reverence for His Holy Name.

“Franklin, Boston’s greatest son, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania; Washington on his knees at prayer in the snow at Valley Forge; La Fayette bringing the moral support and sympathy of a great nation in our time of need; Warren, dying at Bunker Hill; all Masons, all Royal Arch Masons,—in their lives of patriotic endeavor exhibited that character that is the essential attribute of Masonry. And we may well remember and express equal devotion to her teachings. Does not Masonry ever speak to us in uplifting terms of thought, well expressed by a great preacher:

“‘My Father, may I lift my eyes to the hills! May I not be satisfied with the standards of the plains! May I seek my ideals in the mount! May I breathe the mountain air even when I walk the valleys of time!’

(John Henry Jowett.)

“Ever the Scarlet Banner of Zeal leads us onward to the heights, and therefore, he who has labored among the ruins in the shadow of the Royal Arch; he who has listened to the simple and beautiful lesson of the ‘Mark’ and felt the influence of true and brotherly charity expanding in his heart; he who on bended knees has humbled his soul before the cherubim of the Lord, among the glories and magnificence of His great Temple, *he* may well learn the lessons of Masonry,—that he will receive in the same measure that he gives. For he who enters within our guarded gates seeking only material advantage for himself, will meet and receive contempt only. But he who rejoices unfeignedly in the story and teachings of our ancient craft, and takes them to his heart to practice in his own

life, will assuredly win the esteem and approval of his fellows, and receive a thousand-fold compensation for all his sacrifices in their affection as brothers and companions. As the poet has well said:

“ ‘Under every power and passion
Stirs the element divine;
If I grasp the moment’s meaning
All eternity is mine.’

(*Rev. Theo. C. Williams.*)

“In the Chapter, the summit and crown of Ancient Craft Masonry, there is unfolded a panorama of surpassing interest and magnificence in the degrees, illustrated with a wealth of mystic symbolism.

“As we travel wearily over the rough and rugged roads of life’s experiences, do we not recall remembrances of the Chapter’s harmony in peace and quiet; of its manifold beauties, and of its recurring insistent appeals to our souls for right living, ever reminding us that when we pass the white veil of immortality the ineffable glory of that ‘name that no man knoweth’ will lead us near the sparing mercy of the Infinite One. For it is true, as expressed by an ancient Persian poet,

“ ‘Who comes to God an inch through doubtings dim,
In blazing light He will approach a yard toward him.’

“The circle, triangle and triple tau, the special symbols of the Chapter, are most striking and beautiful expressions of its search for Truth, for the circle speaks to you of eternity; the triangle of Divine attributes; the Triple Tau in its mysterious form, of many mystic secrets embodying the very Shekinah of the Presence of the Capitular Rite, while all three, so rich and lustrous in their history, ever symbolize to Royal Arch Masons the majesty and all-pervading love of the Father, Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent.

“As we look upon these glorious symbols representing the highest aspirations and hidden secrets of many ancient religions. as we see the white keystone, wrought in beauty by the engraver’s chisel, reminding us of that divine purity and perfection of character we should ever strive to attain, may we not breathe the prayer:

“ ‘Great Master, touch us with Thy skilful hand,
Let not the music that is in us die;
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us; nor let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie.’

(*H. Bonar.*)

“As Royal Arch Masons let us ever keep the ancient faith of our fathers unsullied and unimpaired; the ancient landmarks unchanged and unaltered; let us live nearer to and exemplify our God-given teachings of purity of life and speech; let us not profane the Holy of Holies by unworthiness in any form; let us never cater or bow the knee to the low or ignoble; let us remember that Masonic banquets are a means to an end, not the end itself; let us conserve our resources by establishing permanent funds in our chapters, that we may better and in larger measure, during the centuries yet unrolled from the hand of God, redeem our promises to the weak and suffering; to the widows and orphans of our loved companions who have passed beyond the veil; let us ever remember to keep with knightly faith, our vows of fraternity, and carry into our own homes and lives the gentle spirit of the Fatherhood of God found in our ancient mystic Brotherhood of Man everywhere, in every land, from the Arctic snows to the shifting sands of the desert; from Himalayan heights to the Golden Gate on the Pacific; from the palms of the Antipodes to the swaying shadows of the pines under the ‘Midnight Sun.’ As Masons may we not say with the poet:

“ ‘To make undying music in the world,
Breathing as beauteous order that controls,
With growing sway the growing life of man,
This is life to come,
Which martyred men have made more glorious
For us who strive to follow.’

(George Eliot.)”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest stated:

“We appreciate very much your very interesting and instructive address. I wish to say that you will notice in our Grand Chapter the absence of applause. The lack of applause does not indicate any absence of appreciation. Applause is not recognized in the Grand Chapter of this Jurisdiction.”

Most Excellent Companion HARRY HUNT, Past Grand High Priest, we will be glad to hear from you at this time:

Most Excellent Companion HARRY HUNT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:—I do not think I can at this time add anything for your consideration, except that I want to acknowledge with sincere thanks the generous hospitality which has been extended to the representatives of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts on this occasion. I appreciate the opportunity I have had of going through your magnificent Temple and witnessing the elegance of your surroundings, and I feel assured that you, as Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania, must be stimulated by your surroundings to the highest and best effort in behalf of Royal Arch Masonry.

“Companions, the hour is growing late. I would like very much to see your work. I am not going to speak at any length, but I want to say to you all that I am enjoying the privilege of meeting with you, and I hope to meet you in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. I wish you God-speed in your work.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then called on Excellent Companion AUGUSTUS P. CALDER.

Excellent Companion AUGUSTUS P. CALDER, Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, then responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:—Really I am almost too full for utterance. Today in bounding over your hills, carrying my views through the vistas of foliage and flowers that are the setting of your magnificent residences there came to me many thoughts, that brought me nearer the Divine Creator.

“Companions, out of the meditations of my heart, out of the feelings of reverence that come to me as I cross the threshold of your beautiful Temple, as I receive from you the quick, spontaneous smile of recognition, as I feel that warm and cordial grasp of your hands, and as eyes speak of kindly interest to eyes that speak again, truly I feel that it is good for me to be here.

“As I approached your magnificent edifice today, I was greatly impressed with the grandeur and solidity of its structure. As I entered its portals and passed into the various lodge rooms, and as I stand here now and look at the beautiful proportions of this lodge room there comes to me this thought, that your Temple, Companions, is something more than a mere building of brick and timber, of stone and mortar. This lodge room, Companions, where we are now, with reverent thought of Him above, is

one of God's Holy Temples, dedicated as we have dedicated it, to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This Altar with the Holy Book upon it is consecrated to divine precepts of loyalty and devotion; to all things that are good, and pure, uplifting and manly; consecrated to those sacred influences that tend to make us better men, better citizens, and better fitted to carry out our mission in life.

“There comes to me now this thought in speaking of our missions, that, while we should not forget that we cannot be too often reminded, as we frequently are, in the exemplifications of our work, that we are born to die; let us not forget, Companions, that we were born to live; that we have a mission to perform in this world, for ourselves and those who are dependent upon us. And do you ask,—What it is to live? Companions, to live, is not to shut ourselves up within the narrow circle of our personalities and households. To live is to think, to act, to work, to feel, to love, to keep our sympathies ever tender and active in the cause of humanity and friendship, and to discipline our courage by every test of bravery in maintaining the dignity of truth, and right and justice.

“But I am trespassing on your time. I thank you for your polite attention, and assure you that the recollections of the hours with you today, in your city, will remain a long time fragrant, fresh and bright among the sunny memories of my most delightful associations in Masonry.”

Most Excellent Grand High Priest SMITH responded:

“I assure you we appreciate your presence with us today and if we have in the least degree exemplified to you the fact that we appreciate your presence, we are satisfied and gratified.”

The Royal Arch Degree was then conferred.

The Grand High Priest then called upon Most Excellent Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR, Grand King of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, who responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania:—I am not going to attempt to make a speech or detain you for over a moment, but I would be an ingrate indeed if I did not express my satisfaction at the views of your city and the pleasure I have had in looking at them, and to tell you how

I have been impressed by the beauty of your work and the way in which it has been exemplified. I am sorry, indeed, our Grand High Priest Benson is not with us this evening. He was with us during the most of the day, but he intends visiting the session of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis next week, and pressing engagements called him home this evening. He desired me to express to you the pleasure and gratification he derived from the cordial reception you tendered him, and that he very deeply regrets that he is unable to be here and express it to you himself.

“I want again to express to you my deep pleasure at the events of the day and to tell you that it will afford us great pleasure to have you, officers and companions, visit us at any of our convocations.”

Most Excellent Grand High Priest SMITH then called on Most Excellent Companion JAMES B. BROAD, Grand Scribe, who responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Officers and Companions of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, as well as our visiting associates from New Jersey:

“I have been the proud recipient of so many favors from the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania, that I feel as though you have heard this story so often that I hate to repeat it to you. I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me as a Royal Arch Mason. On a number of occasions I have visited the Chapters and have been extended just such courtesies as you have extended to us today, except that you took us a little further out of the city. I enjoyed every minute of the day I have spent with you and I feel that I am voicing the sentiments of my companions with me as well as those of our companions who had to leave early in the evening. I am very sorry indeed that they had to leave, as then it was up to me to do the speech-making, and that is not my line of business.

“I was very deeply impressed with the way in which the work was exemplified. I have seen the same work done before, but I have never seen it done better or quite as good. I was deeply impressed with the fact that your Grand Lecturer, I believe that is what he is called (Most Excellent Grand High Priest Smith: He is known as the Principal of the School of Instruction). I was very deeply impressed with his taking pains to tell the officers of every little fall down they made, and I felt that he did it in the capacity of a principal in that department. I know if Masonry is exemplified in Pennsylvania,—I may state this, because I am a Pennsylvania Mason myself, so far as the Blue Lodge is concerned,—I know that if the phraseology was guarded everywhere like it is in Pennsylvania and handed down with such precision, I think there would be quite an uplifting

in the manner,—the ginger,—as you might say, of the work. In other words, everyone would consider it his duty to have every word correct.

“I don’t want to tell you that I feel grateful, for you have heard it a great many times and you don’t want to hear it again, and yet I do feel grateful for what I have received at your hands today, and wish to say that as hosts, you are right on the job. I thank you.”

In calling on the next speaker, Most Excellent Grand High Priest SMITH said:

“Most Excellent Companion Stuart J. Horn, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware, we will be glad to hear from you at this time.”

M. E. Companion HORN responded as follows:

“It would be discourteous and ungrateful, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, if I did not at least respond to your kind invitation. It was not my privilege to be present at the exercises of the day, but I came as soon as my business would allow. It is a great pleasure for me, at any time, to visit the Chapters in Philadelphia. While I was Grand High Priest, I visited the Chapters many times with profit to myself and Capitular Masonry in Delaware, for I learned many lessons I took back to Delaware,—to Wilmington.

“I wish to express to you in just a word the sincerity I feel in your hospitality, and how deeply I appreciate your hospitality on every occasion in which I have visited you. It has been a great pleasure to me to renew the many friendships I formed when I was Grand High Priest. This afternoon I have met so many and tonight I am meeting more whom I had the pleasure of knowing when I was Grand High Priest.

“I hope you will excuse me if I do not say anything more, for I feel it is too warm to detain you any further.”

Most Excellent Grand High Priest SMITH then said:

“We have been very much pleased and honored by your presence with us today. We have had no thought of instructing you through the work, because we realize that your ritual varies from that of ours. The cordial and fraternal relations that have existed between the Jurisdictions of Delaware and Pennsylvania by reason of the visits back and forth, have been most pleasing.

“We are in many respects similar to the New Jersey Companions. I am not sure but that the first Chapter warrants in neighboring Jurisdictions were warrants under the authority of Pennsylvania. I have not had time to quite verify that, but I am under that impression.

“I now have the pleasure of calling upon the Companions from New Jersey. I take pleasure in presenting to you Most Excellent Companion Abram A. Reger, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey.”

Most Excellent Companion ABRAM A. REGER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, I present you the fraternal greetings of the Companions of New Jersey. It is a matter of deep regret, Most Excellent Sir, that our visiting delegation to your Grand Chapter is so small, but on behalf of those associates and officers who have accompanied me, I want to express my deep appreciation of the reception which you have given us, both to your city and to your Grand Chapter.

“After listening to the magnificent address of the first speaker of the evening, and to the eloquent remarks of those who have followed, anything I might say to you, I feel would be but a very small effort. I have always been more of a worker than a talker in the quarries of Masonry, but I want to congratulate you, Most Excellent Sir, upon the continued growth and prosperity of your Grand Chapter. New Jersey by comparison in numbers, would appear to be in the infant class of Capitular Masonry. By listening to your Secretary’s report, I find you have more than three times the number of our Chapters; nearly five times the number of our members, and I know you will pardon any apparent reflection when I say that we of New Jersey hope that what we lack in quantity we make up in quality. There are three things to which New Jersey has always been conceded the par excellence of its products,—New Jersey Masonry, New Jersey justice, and New Jersey mosquitoes. In the first two we feel a pardonable pride and hope that they may always be maintained to that high standard; but as to the latter, I presume the less said, the better. Scientists tell us that the New Jersey mosquito is fast disappearing from her borders, but from my own experience with the beast during the past summer while on my porch, I fear that the situation is best summed up in the language of the church liturgy, where it says,—‘As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.’

“I am heartily glad to be with you at this your Quarterly Convocation.

In fact, I am always glad to be present at any meeting, or any Masonic gathering. Free Masonry has always found a very warm spot in my heart. Free Masonry, while not a religion, as some would have us believe, holding no allegiance to any ecclesiastical body, yet I believe that Free Masonry is one of the most potent influences for good in the world today, outside of the Church of Jesus Christ. Capitular Masonry in particular, with the strong religious teachings of our ceremonies, cannot help but exert an uplifting influence upon the lives of its members. Free Masonry, if it stands for anything, stands for service; the giving of oneself for the benefit of others. Our Masonic ritual tells us that our ancient brethren worked in operative masonry; they were builders of material things, but Royal Arch Masonry of today has a higher and nobler mission. The Royal Arch Mason, if he is properly imbued with the spirit and teachings of our institution, is a builder of character and of morals. He is building not only for time, but for eternity, and as a Grand Chapter I can only wish you God-speed in this great and glorious work.

“Most Excellent Sir, I shall not attempt to talk any further or take any more of your time, but will simply say that I have enjoyed your hospitality, and I trust that at our Annual Convocation in May, in the city of Trenton, that we may have a goodly representation of your Grand Chapter officers as our guests. I believe that the exchange of fraternal relations not only confers individual pleasure, but can be of deep and lasting benefit to the craft in general. I hope that the warm fraternal relations that have so long existed between the two Grand Jurisdictions of New Jersey and Pennsylvania may continue as long as time shall last.

“I thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the opportunity of speaking.”

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest then called on Very Excellent LORENZO D. SANBORN, Deputy Grand High Priest of New Jersey, who responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions,—I see that I have taken cold here this hot evening, and I am not going to detain you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, by any extended remarks. I only arise to thank you personally and on behalf of the officers for your kindness and for your hospitality which I have received personally at your hands during this day. I do not know that I ever put in a day that I can mention in the whole length of my experience, like the present day, one of so much joy, pleasure, gratification and edification as I have had today. I want to thank you for all these fraternal greetings and for the pleasure that

we have all had together, and I will leave any further expressions for some future event. I thank you for the courtesy of having given me the opportunity of making these few broken remarks.”

Most Excellent Grand High Priest SMITH then called on the last speaker, saying:

“The next Companion to present to you is the last of our visiting associates, Most Excellent Companion Henry S. Haines, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey.”

Companion HAINES responded as follows:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Associates of the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,—The plebian pursuits of bread-getting prevented me from participating in the magnificent hospitalities of the day, therefore I am deprived of that inspiration which leads to those words of eloquence that we have heard from other Companions, but nevertheless, I am grateful for the opportunity of appearing before your Grand Chapter once again.

“In an old house in Burlington, quite old-fashioned and quite replete with furniture of an earlier generation, there hangs upon the walls various framed pictures and certificates, and among them all, the one most highly prized bears the signature of Alexander H. Morgan.

“In the twenty years that have passed since I sat here first, many who were here have long ago passed away.

“And then Companion Michael Nesbit, Pennsylvania, Death beckoned to him and he was ours no more. And then Ezra Bartlett, who is with us no more, but still the spirit which animated those distinguished men is in this place among those who remain. The same glorious principles which they enunciated and practiced have found new followers here in those who have succeeded them. I may be pardoned in referring to those dignitaries who have preserved to us and to the world at large the beauty of those principles which it was their pride to uphold.”

The Grand Chapter was “called off” for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by

M. E. Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., of the Capitular School of Instruction.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on."

A petition was received from a number (16) of Royal Arch Masons for a warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Blossburg, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, to be called Zebulun Royal Arch Chapter No. .

On motion duly made and seconded the petition was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifty-nine minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
DECEMBER 5, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

PRESENT:

Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . .	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ STOCKTON BATES, . . .	<i>acting M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ REV. CHARLES H. BOND, . . .	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, . . .	<i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . .	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ CHARLES S. BAIR, . . .	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ ROBERT D. COLE, . . .	<i>as Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . . .	<i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, . . .	<i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . .	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOSEPH F. CUMMINGS, . . .	<i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ ROBERT A. WALKER, . . .	<i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ CHARLES S. WOOD, . . .	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, . . .	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, JOHN C. TAYLOR, J. HOWARD S. BARNES, HENRY L. MOORE, PETER K. FILBERT, WILLIAM F. SHAY, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, HENRY M. KINSEL, HENRY HIPPLE, LYMAN M. FINNEY, PORTER W. LOWRY, EDWARD HOPE, WILLIAM J. POSCHMANN, JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, ALLAN W. URMSON, PETER BARKEY, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDGAR A. TENNIS, EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives.

- Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
- “ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
- “ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
- “ WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, of Grand Chapter of Colorado.
- “ IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
- “ FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
- “ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
- “ HENRY OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
- “ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
- “ JOHN A. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Iowa.
- “ SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
- “ EDGAR A. TENNIS, of Grand Chapter of Kentucky.
- “ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
- “ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
- “ WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, of Grand Chapter of Minnesota.
- “ J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
- “ DAVID M. KINZER, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
- “ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
- “ J. HENRY LAPE, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
- “ CHARLES F. WIGNALL, of Grand Chapter of New Brunswick.
- “ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
- “ WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, of Grand Chapter of New Jersey.
- “ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
- “ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
- “ THOMAS F. PENMAN, of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
- “ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
- “ JOHN MCKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
- “ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
- “ A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
- “ PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
- “ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
- “ FRED M. SMITH, of Grand Chapter of Texas.
- “ LOUIS WAGNER, of Grand Chapter of Vermont.
- “ RICHARD F. DAWSON, of Grand Chapter of Victoria.
- “ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.
- “ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

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251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 277, 278, 279, 280, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 291. (106 Chapters.) (260 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 5, 1912, were read and approved.

The following report from the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and read:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 5, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

SIRS AND COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following proposed Amendments to the Constitution, viz.:

“1. *Resolved*, That the first paragraph of Section 1, Article VII, be amended by inserting in the fourth line after the words ‘Most Excellent Master’ the words ‘Past Master.’

“2. *Resolved*, That Section 1, Article X, be amended by the insertion of the following words: ‘Conferring the Past Master’s Degree on each person, fifty cents.’

“3. *Resolved*, That Section 30, Article XIV, be amended by inserting in the second paragraph the words ‘For the Past Master’s Degree, \$10.00.’

“4. *Resolved*, That Section 1, Article XVII, be amended by striking out the words in the first paragraph thereof, ‘A Past Master either by election or by dispensation.’

“5. *Resolved*, That Section 7, Article XVII, be amended by inserting after the words ‘Most Excellent Master Mason,’ the words ‘Or a Past Master Mason.’ ”

respectfully submit:

That they have considered the amendments and report as follows:

That the true intent and meaning of the proposed Amendments is an attempt to take away from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Penn-

sylvania the authority to issue dispensations for, and the control of the "passing to the chair," called by some the "Past Master's Degree."

Your Committee find that beginning with June 24, 1783, and continuously thereafter, there is record evidence that the Passing to the Chair has been under the control and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; the ceremonies connected therewith being done in the constituent Subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

There are two thoughts in the matter.

First, Was it a matter of agreement or convention between the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania at the time the Grand Lodge surrendered its sovereignty over the Royal Arch degree and permitted the Grand Chapter to become an independent body, that the Passing to the Chair, which had theretofore been a matter solely under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, should be and remain under its control and direction; or Secondly, Was it a matter which the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter by virtue of its inherent power, could control, but has seen fit for nearly a century to permit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to continue its Jurisdiction?

To properly discuss either or both of these propositions, it is necessary to refer to the records of the past.

As to the First: Was it an agreement between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter?

It is singular how history repeats itself. On November 15, 1852—sixty years ago—a Committee which had been appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest "to examine and report the circumstances connected with the present formation of the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter" report in full on this subject and concluded as follows:

"The Grand Chapter will perceive from these extracts, embracing all that has taken place on the subject-matter of this report, from December 7, 1812, to January 5, 1824, when the present Constitution was approved by the Grand Lodge, that no compact, agreement, or understanding, of any kind whatsoever, other than the Constitution itself, was entered into between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. A disposition of this kind was certainly exhibited in a clause of the resolution offered in the Grand Lodge on the seventh of January, 1822; this clause, however, was subsequently withdrawn by the Grand Lodge itself."

As to the Second: Was it a matter which the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of its inherent power could control, but has seen fit for nearly a century to permit the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to continue its jurisdiction?

Inasmuch as there is the precedent or the fixed practice that for all time heretofore, of which we have any record evidence, for the Master Mason who desires to have conferred upon him the Degrees under the control of the Grand Chapter, to petition the Right Worshipful Grand Master, through his Master Mason's Lodge, for the Dispensation to Pass the Chair, we should, before any change is attempted or made, see that some good reason exists for the change, always provided, we have the power to make the change.

It may be said that whilst there is no record which says in so many words that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall have no control over the Passing to the Chair, yet the unbroken practice from 1783 (in 1824—when the Grand Chapter became an independent body), down to the present time that all and every matter pertaining to the Passing to the Chair, the method of petition, the actual petitioning, the granting of the Dispensation, the revenue therefrom, and the actual ceremony of the Passing to the Chair, has been, and is, solely and wholly under the control and direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

We may conclude therefore, for the sake of argument, that there was no agreement in so many words, that the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter gave up any rights it might have had in the premises.

We are then brought to the next step: Has the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, by virtue of its inherent powers, control over the Passing to the Chair?

To those who know what Passing to the Chair is, and means, the answer is so apparent that to ask the question is to answer it in the negative.

But suppose we admit for the sake of argument (that which we do not believe) that the Grand Chapter has the right and power to legislate upon this subject, is it wise, or expedient to do so? What reason can be given to change the custom of a hundred years?

It may be said that the object of the proposed Amendments is to facilitate the making of Royal Arch Masons because under the present system (a) it is difficult to find a Deputy to grant the dispensation, or (b) the Deputy requires too much of the applicant in the way of Masonic learning.

As to (a)—Perhaps there is some force in this objection in one locality, but it is not so in the rest of the State. And in the locality referred to, it is a matter which may and can be easily remedied by a statement of the facts to the proper authority.

As to (b)—If the lesson of the M. E. M. M. degree is considered we will conclude we owe a duty to applicants which may be best discharged by requiring them at least, to have sufficient knowledge to enable them to prove themselves as having received the first three degrees, and this we are credibly informed is all that is required.

An appendix is hereto attached giving extracts from the records of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, concerning the subject-matter referred to therein.

Your Committee are of the opinion that these Amendments should not be adopted and so report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
HIBBERT P. JOHN,
EDWARD B. SPENCER,
EDGAR A. TENNIS,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
H. OSCAR KLINE,
J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion duly made and seconded the amendments, as above reported on, were not adopted.

APPENDIX.

EXTRACT FROM THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, HELD JUNE 24, 1783.

“A letter from Brother Antis, Master of Lodge No. 22, being read, informing this Grand Lodge of Brother Vanost’s being regularly passed the Chair, and requesting his admission as Representative of said Lodge in this G. Lodge, the same was unanimously agreed to.”

EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA OF 1783. PAGE 82.

Section X, paragraph 2.

“None but a Master Mason, who has passed the Chair in some regular Lodge, and is resident or honorary member of the Lodge he is chosen to represent can be admitted as the proxy of such Lodge, or have a voice in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. And this commission as proxy must be under the seal of the Lodge that appoints him, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary.”

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE DISPENSATION FOR
BEING PASSED TO THE CHAIR, GRANTED BY THE R. W.
GRAND MASTER.

“To the Worshipful Master and Past Masters of Lodge No. 43, held in
the Borough of Lancaster,

GREETING.

By Virtue of the Powers and Authorities vested in us, We do hereby
impower, authorize and request you to pass to the Chair Bro. Henry Der-
ring, John Jeansonnet and William Kirkpatrick, Master Masons, who wish
to be further instructed in Masonry and have been recommended to us as
worthy thereof, and for you so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our Hand and Seal at Philadelphia July 4th, 5792.

J. B. Smith,

Attest:

G. M. (Seal)

P. Le Barbier Duplessis

G. Sec'y.”

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PHILA-
DELPHIA, NOVEMBER 30, 1795. PAGE 15.

“Resolved, That as Masons, we acknowledge the supreme jurisdiction
over all Lodges in Pennsylvania to be vested in the Grand Lodge of Penn-
sylvania, and that without the sanction of a warrant from or the authority
of the said Grand Lodge, no Lodge or Chapter can be legally opened or
held within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge.”

March 5, 1798. Page 20:

• “Section III. That no Brother shall be admitted into the Holy Royal
Arch, but he who has regularly and faithfully passed through the three
progressive degrees, and has filled and performed the office of Worshipful
Master of his Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren, or passed the
Chair by a dispensation of the R. W. Grand Master upon the recom-
mendation of his said Lodge, to ascertain which they shall deliver to him
in open Lodge a certificate to the following purport.”

Page 21:

Section VII. That on the admission of a new Brother the form of the
return to the General Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

“We, the three Chiefs whose names are hereunto subscribed, do certify
that in a Chapter of the Royal Arch, convened and held under the sanction

and authority of the Warrant of the Worshipful Lodge No., our beloved brothers A. B., C. D., E. F., and G. H., having delivered to us the proper certificates, and proved themselves, by due examination, to be well qualified in all the three degrees of Apprentice, Fellow-craft and Master Mason, and to have passed the Chair, were by us admitted to the supreme degree of Excellent Royal Arch Masons.”

Page 22:

“Section XI. That a member of any particular Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recommended by the Master Wardens and Secretary in open lodge, and after due trial and examination, the Brother being a Master Mason and duly registered, as shall appear under the hands of the Grand Secretary, and having passed the Chair, shall, if approved by the Royal Arch Chapter to whom the Brother is recommended, be admitted to the sublime degree of Excellent or Royal Arch Mason.”

A COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, HELD JANUARY 5, 1824.

A Constitution for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed to by the Committee on Conference, and adopted by the Grand Chapter, was received and read, and as amended was adopted, in the following words, to wit:

ARTICLE I.

The M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter shall be constituted of all the members of the Grand Lodge for the time being, who are Royal Arch Masons, and have received the honorary degree of Mark Master, and been accepted and received Most Excellent Masters, and who have passed the Chair of a Lodge by election, and are contributing members of some Subordinate Chapter; of all High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, for the time being, of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid; and of all Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters under this Jurisdiction, who are qualified as aforesaid, continuing members of such Subordinate Chapters.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall hold semi-annual meetings on the third Monday in May and November, in each year. They shall also meet on their own adjournments, and on the order of the M. E. Grand High Priest. They shall have power to elect their own officers, make their own by-laws, rules

and regulations for their government; to regulate, superintend and control the by-laws, rules and regulations of Subordinate Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters' Lodges under their jurisdiction; to grant warrants for holding Holy Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Masters' and Most Excellent Masters Lodges, and the same to suspend, revoke and restore at pleasure, and to exercise jurisdiction over the same. The warrants to be granted to Chapters now in existence shall be without charge for the same, and shall bear the numbers which the said Chapters now bear. The warrants to be granted to Chapters hereafter to be organized shall be numbered in order, commencing from the Chapter which now bears the highest number, *Provided*, That no person shall continue to be a member of any Chapter a longer time than six months after he shall have ceased to be a member of a Blue Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

The Grand Chapter shall annually pay over to the Grand Lodge the balance of money in hand after deducting their expenditures, to be appropriated to the sinking fund, until the debt now due by the Grand Lodge shall be paid, after which the Grand Lodge shall have no claim upon the funds of the Grand Chapter, but the same shall be at their own disposal.

ARTICLE IV.

From and after the adoption of this Constitution, no Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall, after notice thereof, exalt any Brother to the degree of Holy Royal Arch, without his having previously become a Past Master, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master.

ARTICLE V.

All Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter contrary to the foregoing Constitution shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed and made null and void.

ARTICLE VI.

No alterations to this Constitution shall be made unless the same be proposed at one stated semi-annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, by at least two-thirds of the members of the Grand Chapter then present.

ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution shall go into operation on and from and after the semi-annual meeting in May next.

A COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF FEBRUARY 16, 1824.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge, communicating the Constitution, for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, agreed to by the Committee on Conference, as amended and adopted by the Grand Lodge, Which being read on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same as amended, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 152 and 293 were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 5, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Fourth Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 91, Series J, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, Principal due December 31, 1912, interest due January 1 and July 1	\$1,000 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, Principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	\$500	Certificate No. 251, Series E, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, Principal due December 31, 1912, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
One	(1)	\$1000	Certificate No. 550, Series G, City of Philadelphia, 3 per cent. Loan of 1898, Principal due December 31, 1914, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
Forward				<u>\$3,500 00</u>

Over		\$3,500 00
One (1) \$1000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, Principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One (1) \$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia, 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, Principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five (5) \$1000	Electric & People's Stock Trust Certificates 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9449, 9450, 9451 and 9452, Principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five (5) \$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, Principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five (5) \$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central Collateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, Principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Two (2) \$1000	Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, Principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three (3) \$1000	Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, Principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five (5) \$1000	Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, Principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1....	5,000 00
One (1) \$1000	Bond, Borough of Sheraden, Allegheny County, 5 per cent., No. 5 Funding Bond, Series H, Principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (Principal Registered)	1,000 00
Forward		\$31,000 00

Over		\$31,000 00
One (1) \$1000 Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, Principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00	
One (1) \$1000 Bond, Philadelphia & Erie General 5 per cent. (now First Mortgage) No. 11233, Principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00	
Two (2) \$1000 Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Series A, Nos. 126 and 127, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916)	2,000 00	
Making total par value of	\$35,000 00	

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1912.

January 5,	Five (5) coupons, Reading Company, due January 1	\$100 00
	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan 3½s, due December 1, 1911	17 50
	Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due January 1, 1912	37 50
	Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due January 1, 1912	15 00
	Check—City of Philadelphia 3½s, due January 1, 1912	26 25
April 19,	Check—Electric & People's 4s, due April 1, 1911	100 00
	Check—Philadelphia & Erie, General Mortgage 5s, due April 1, 1912	25 00
	Five (5) coupons, \$20 each, Reading Company 4s, due April 1, 1912	100 00
	Five (5) coupons \$20 each, Pennsylvania Railroad 4s, due April 1, 1912	100 00
Forward		\$521 25

Over			\$521 25
		One (1) coupon, Borough of Sheraden 5s, due May 1, 1911	25 00
		Two (2) coupons, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railroad 4s, each \$20, due May 1, 1912,	40 00
May	4,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad 4s, due May 1, 1912	60 00
June	8,	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway 3½s, due June 1, 1912	17 50
July	9,	Check—Masonic Loan, interest to July 1, 1912	36 45
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due July 1, 1912	37 50
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3s, due July 1, 1912	15 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3½s, due July 1, 1912	26 25
	24,	Five (5) coupons, \$20 each, Reading Coal & Iron Co., due July 1	100 00
October	1,	Check—Electric & People's 4s, due October 1, 1912	100 00
	9,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad, for Philadelphia & Erie 5s, due October 1, 1912	25 00
1912.			
October	9,	Five (5) coupons, Reading Company, Jersey Central 4s, due October 1, 1912	100 00
		Five (5) coupons, Pennsylvania Company 4s, due October 1, 1912	100 00
November	1,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad 4s, due November 1, 1912	60 00
		Two (2) coupons, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railroad 4s, due November 1, 1912...	40 00
		Two (2) coupons, Borough of Sheraden 5s, due November 1, 1912	25 00
			<u>\$1,328 95</u>

All of which was paid over to the M. E. Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor.

On December 31, 1912, there will fall due City of Philadelphia loans amounting to \$1500, as follows:

\$1000 Certificate No. 91, Series J, 3 per cent. loan of 1893;

\$500 Certificate No. 252, Series E, 3 per cent. loan of 1908;

In order that they may be collected when due, the adoption of the following resolution is recommended.

“*Resolved*, That the Trustees, J. Henry Williams, Edward Perry and Charles Chipman be and they are hereby authorized to receive payment of fifteen hundred dollars, of the loans of the City of Philadelphia, now standing in the name of Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and J. Henry Williams, Edward Perry and Charles Chipman, Trustees of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and belonging to this Grand Chapter and maturing December 31, 1912.”

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS,
CHARLES CHIPMAN,
Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 23, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer, and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, from September 1, 1912, to November 20, 1912, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	2,349 15	
Interest on Investments	450 00	
Constitutions	14 00	
Interest on Deposits	43 76	
		\$2,856 91
To which add balance September 1, 1912	2,512 18	
Total		\$5,369 09

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$1,500 00
Rent	1,650 00
Salaries	862 50
Printing, Postage and Stationery	340 12
Telephone Service	41 40
District Deputy Grand High Priests	30 47
Instructor in the Work	52 00
Expenses	62 21
Charity	50 00
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	\$4,588 70
To which add balance on November 20, 1912	780 39
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	\$5,369 09

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
W. M. DONALDSON,
JOHN A. PERRY,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance made the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, November 25, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the Accounts and Securities held by the Trustees, which show an invested fund of \$35,000.00, as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the M. E. Grand Treasurer and the books of the M. E. Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1912, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$12,790 10	
Interest on Investments	1,328 95	
Interest on Balances	37 25	
Interest on Deposits	43 76	
Certificates	26 00	
Dispensations	3 00	
Constitutions	24 00	
	<u>\$14,253 06</u>	
To which add balance November 20, 1911	1,581 96	
	<u>\$15,835 02</u>	

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	1,460 31	
Salaries	3,450 00	
Clothing and Furniture	95	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,048 61	
Telephone Service	99 65	
Treasurer's Bond	20 00	
Instructor in Work	112 90	
Charity	150 00	
Investments	2,000 00	
Masonic Home	1,000 00	
Expenses	62 21	
Rent	1,650 00	
	<u>\$15,054 63</u>	
To which add balance November 21, 1912	780 39	
	<u>\$15,835 02</u>	

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last report showed a balance of	\$1,113 84	
Add interest to March 1, 1912	12 72	
Add interest to September 1, 1912	11 26	
Add interest to November 20, 1912	5 00	
	<u>\$1,142 82</u>	
Balance of this fund in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,142 82	

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1912:

Balance on hand	\$780 39
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RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	\$12,500 00
Interest on Investments	1,300 00
Constitutions, Dispensations, &c.	25 00
	<hr/> 13,825 00
	<hr/> \$14,605 39

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	\$3,000 00
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	1,500 00
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary	2,000 00
Assistant Grand Secretary	1,200 00
Grand Tyler	250 00
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,500 00
Expenses of Instruction in the Work	300 00
Rent	1,650 00
Clothing and Furniture	200 00
Investments	2,000 00
Extra Appropriation for M. E. G. H. P., 1912, for Entertainment of Visitors	311 39
Extra Appropriation for Instructors in Work for 1912,	100 00
Estimated Balance	94 00
	<hr/> \$14,605 39

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates, as they may become due and payable.

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,
W. M. DONALDSON,
JOHN A. PERRY,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,

Committee.

It was, on motion, resolved that the resolution attached to the above report be adopted.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 5, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report, that it has examined the By-Laws and the proposed Amendment to By-Laws referred to it, and offer the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 152 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 293 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,

Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 5, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that Ware Brothers Company, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1911, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

The printing of the Revised Constitution, which had been awarded to the Williams & Marcus Company in 1910 and the completion of which was prevented on account of Amendments thereto, after the contract was awarded, was also finished during the year.

The expenditure of \$2048.61 for the year includes the cost of postage and stationery and the printing, binding and publishing both the Proceedings and the Constitution, and their distribution.

Fraternally submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,

Committee.

A General Return was received from Chapter No. 238.

The M. E. Grand High Priest called upon Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS, who delivered the following Tribute to the Memory of EZRA S. BARTLETT, which was listened to with marked attention by the members.

The address was ordered published in the Proceedings.

COMPANIONS:

“To speak of the absent Companion, knowing that in so far as earthly mingling, he is forever gone, has at once a sadness, the depths of which is in keeping with the height of friendship and loving devotion in which the absent one was held, while active in our midst.

“It is God’s decree that everyone shall die. Death is his messenger to enforce His law, and to none is the hour of his coming known; we only know that,

“ ‘Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the North wind’s breath,
And stars to set; but all—
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!’

“It is fitting, when one having occupied an important and responsible station in Masonry, is removed by the Angel of Death, to higher duties and rewards, we should spread upon our records more than a passing notice of his life work, its sunshine and its shadows, as a perpetual testimony through all future years, of the esteem and regard in which the faithful and accomplished brother was held. This I do with an earnestness for the subject of this sketch inspired by years of happy acquaintance and loving fellowship.

“Companion Bartlett believed in Masonry and in the doctrines therein taught; of the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul. The highest honor within the gift of this Grand Chapter, was bestowed upon him, but, alas, how frail are human decorations; how fleeting the distinctions which men confer upon men. In the Chapter and out of it these soon pass away and are forgotten. What a lesson of humility we are taught by these constantly recurring events, reminding us of the per-

ishable nature of all earthly things and teaching us that the everlasting is only found in the brighter and better world beyond. 'Passing away' is whispered in the sighing of every wind that blows and in the murmur of every wave that breaks upon the shore. Man vanishes as the drifting cloud, and memory alone remains to tell us what he was; that memory, alas, too soon, like him, to pass away, for we cannot make that perpetual whose destiny is decay. Yet we would not have the memory and the virtues of our good brother suddenly perish, and to preserve them upon the tablets of our Grand Chapter, these lines are written at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in loving memory of

COMPANION EZRA S. BARTLETT.

"The genial and helpful presence of our Companion is denied us, but his graces as a Mason, his devotion to the cause of humanity and right, his high sense of honor and noble qualities of character prepared him to stand before the Great Overseer to receive his wages for the designs left upon the trestle board of life. To us who were his friends and admirers, the designs speak volumes of good and their influence will be felt upon our minds and hearts until we, too, are safely anchored within the household of the faithful. Our Companion exemplified those virtues which adorn, dignify and beautify the human character; virtues which it is the especial object of Masonry to inculcate, preserve and enforce. Temperate in all things, prudent, forbearing, courteous and modest, to him, we may safely apply the words of Victor Hugo, who said the death of a just man is like the end of a beautiful day.

"Among the distinguished Masons of this Jurisdiction, who have been honored by their brethren, not one can be said to have presided with more zeal; a more faithful and conscientious adhesion to the obligations of the Craft, or a greater desire for its welfare and prosperity; nor did his interest cease with the responsibilities of official life, for until its close he continued to shed beams of encouragement and helpfulness of presence; his hand was ever ready and his heart beat responsively to our joys and to our sorrows, beautifully illustrating,

" 'It is not words the world demands
To make your purpose plain;
It is the living deeds of heart and hand
And the urge of the willing brain.'

"Companion Bartlett entered Masonry March 20, 1872, since which he has filled every elective station except Secretary in William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500; Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243, and Mary Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 36.

“Was elected Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1895 and 1896 and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania in 1903.

“In religion, Companion Bartlett was of Methodist faith.

“His home and family relations were happy and most affectionate. He was well known and highly respected in the business world as an honorable and straightforward merchant whose word was relied upon as being absolutely correct, precise and accurate.

“These are the flowers with which we decorate the tomb of our Companion; they are tributes that survive distinction, rank and honor, all ended now by the remorseless power that spares neither age, sex, nor condition. His form will moulder in the dust of ages, but longer than sculptured marble or storied verse can stand the test of time, will his character and name be cherished, embalmed and crystallized in the love and memory of members of our Fraternity yet unborn.”

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the M. E. Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who having reported, the M. E. Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	GEORGE B. WELLS	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“	WINFIELD S. BELL	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“	EDWARD B. SPENCER	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“	CHARLES CARY	.	.	.	<i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

Missives were received from Grand Chapters, as follows:

From R. E. ALFRED A. ARBUTHNOT MURRAY, G. S. E., of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, enclosing Commission appointing Companion JOHN FREDERICK HERBERT, as Representative

of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion HERBERT was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion PETER MCGILL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, enclosing Commission appointing Companion WILLIAM S. SEMPLE, as Representative of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion SEMPLE was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion G. L. MARQUAND, Grand Scribe E. of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, enclosing Commission appointing Companion RICHARD F. DAWSON, as Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion DAWSON was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi, enclosing Commission appointing Companion JAMES MURRAY AFRICA, as Representative of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion AFRICA was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion LEWIS W. ENSIGN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Idaho, enclosing Commission appointing Companion HOWARD M. BROWN, as Representative of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Idaho, near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion BROWN was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

From R. E. Companion W. A. WOLIHIN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, Royal Arch Masons, enclosing Commission appointing Companion CHARLES D. WEIRICK, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, R. A. M., near this Grand Chapter.

On motion, Companion WEIRICK was received and acknowledged as such Representative.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion ALFRED STITH LEE, Senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Virginia. Died January 19, 1912.

M. E. Companion EDWARD B. NEWNAM, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. Died April 27, 1912.

M. E. Companion JACOB L'HOMMEDIEU LONG, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died May 31, 1912.

M. E. Companion REV. HENRY DESPARD DE BLOIS, Past Grand High Priest and Permanent Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died June 6, 1911.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM J. McDONALD, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. Died July 24, 1912.

M. E. Companion ANDREW SAGENDORF, Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado. Died August 2, 1912.

M. E. Companion HENRY BANNISTER GRANT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died August 26, 1912.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM GAY BRONSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota. Died September 3, 1912.

R. E. Companion CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, R. E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. Died September 5, 1912.

M. E. Companion SAM H. DAVIDSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas. Died September 10, 1912.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. TURCK, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan. Died September 19, 1912.

R. E. Companion JOHN ALBERT BRYAN, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, Royal Arch Masons. Died October 5, 1912.

M. E. Companion HENRY G. SANDIFER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons. Died October 12, 1912.

R. E. Companion AMASA CURTIS TOWITELLOT, late Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island. Died October 16, 1912.

The following certificate was presented and read:

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1912.

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, ESQ.,

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

M. E. SIR AND COMPANION:—At the stated meeting of Corinthian R. A. Chapter No. 250 held Monday evening, December 2, 1912, Companion Thomas A. Millar was duly elected Most Excellent High Priest for the ensuing year, beginning on St. John's Day next.

Attest: WILLIAM ROSS,
Secretary.

[SEAL]

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion THOMAS A. MILLAR was duly installed as High Priest of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter No. 250, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, at the request of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

Upon the invitation of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS, JR., of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, addressed Grand Chapter in a few words of fraternal acknowledgment.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at five o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,
ST. JOHN'S DAY,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

PRESENT:

Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, .	. <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
“ GEORGE B. WELLS, .	. <i>M. E. Grand King.</i>
“ WINFIELD S. BELL, .	. <i>M. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, .	. <i>M. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ STOCKTON BATES, .	acting <i>M. E. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.,	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ REV. CHARLES H. BOND, .	. <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, .	. <i>Grand Captain of the Host.</i>
“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, .	. <i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“ CHARLES S. BAIR, .	. <i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“ ROBERT B. COLE, .	. <i>Grand Master of the Third Vail.</i>
“ THOMAS McCONNELL, JR.,	. <i>Grand Master of the Second Vail.</i>
“ AUGUST P. KUNZIG, .	. <i>Grand Master of the First Vail.</i>
“ JOSEPH E. QUINBY, .	. <i>Grand Marshal.</i>
“ JOHN FETCH, .	as <i>Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ GEORGE P. DARROW, .	. <i>Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
“ CHARLES S. WOOD, .	. <i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, .	. <i>Grand Tyler.</i>

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions JOHN C. TAYLOR, WAYNE J. PENNELL, PETER K. FILBERT, HENRY M. KINSEL.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, HENRY OSCAR KLINE, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
“ ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
“ SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.

“ FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
Grand Mark Lodge of England.

“ H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.

“ HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.

“ GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.

“ SAMUEL W. WRAY, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.

“ J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.

“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

“ S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.

“ A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

“ CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.

“ STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

“ HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, of Grand Chapter of Washington.

“ WINFIELD S. BELL, of Grand Chapter of Wyoming.

Chapters Nos. 43, 52, 91, 169, 175, 177, 183, 190, 194, 196, 198, 201, 202, 203, 208, 217, 220, 227, 232, 234, 237, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 251, 256, 257, 284, 291. (35 Chapters.) (84 members.) (15 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 7, 1912, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws from Chapters Nos. 185 and 267, and from Mark Lodge No. 214, were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 43, 52, 161, 167, 169, 173, 182, 185, 189, 190, 195, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 206, 211, 214, 219, 221, 223, 226, 228, 232, 235, 236, 237, 238, 240, 243, 245, 248, 250, 256, 258, 259, 262, 264, 270, 275, 279, 282, 283, 284, 288, 290, 294 (48 Chapters) and Mark Lodge 214, which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached were adopted.

December 27, 1912.

*To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.*

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-Laws has examined the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 267, and the proposed Amendments to By-Laws of Chapter No. 185, Mark Lodge No. 214, and offer the following resolutions, viz.:

“*Resolved*, That the proposed By-Laws of Chapter No. 267 be amended by adding to Article IV, Section 4, on the second line the word ‘Special,’ between the words ‘Stated’ and ‘or,’ and that so amended they be approved.

“*Resolved*, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Chapter No. 185, and Mark Lodge No. 214 be approved.”

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
HENRY W. SMITH,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, presented his annual address.

MEDIA, PA., December 27, 1912.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:

In childhood and youth time seems to pass very slowly, and months in imagination often lengthen into years. But in manhood the conditions are reversed, and days and weeks pass by as though on eagle’s wings. Today I find myself at the end of my second year of service and acknowledge the guidance of a kind Providence, who has ever had me in his kindly keeping.

Throughout the year I have devoted my thought, my energy and my time to enable officers of Subordinate Chapters to present approved work, and I feel

from words of approval and letters of commendation received, that much has been accomplished.

I have also tried to impress upon Companions the necessity for each one to present not only to those in whose employ he may be, but to the Creator of us all, approved work day by day, so that when done with the responsibilities of life we may be able to present our Temples acceptable to Him who gave them. Often we know of a life of prominence in the community who seems from the business standpoint, socially and religiously, to present each day, work that is approved by all, but we are startled some morning by an announcement of sudden death, possibly by his own hand; the mask has been removed and the real piece of work stands forth boldly. Companions do not let us deceive ourselves. We may think that we are presenting a beautiful piece of work, but find it rejected, because there was no place for it that day. Make each day's work important, although it may seem unimportant at the time, and together we shall work as Craftsmen worthy of the great lessons we teach and find therein a greatly added pleasure in the presentation of the ritual of the several degrees.

DECEASED COMPANIONS.

“Those that he loved so long and see no more,
Loved and still loves,—not dead, but gone before,—
He gathers round him.”

We are again reminded that we are mortal and that a separation must take place on earth.

March 24, 1912. Companion THOMPSON P. EGE, D. D., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, died

peacefully after an illness lasting but six days. Companion EGE was born October 12, 1835.

He was entered in Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, January 6, 1868, passed February 17, 1868, and raised May 4, 1868. He was admitted a member of Good Samaritan Lodge No. 336, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1893.

He received the Degrees in Good Samaritan R. A. Chapter No. 266, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as follows: Mark Master Mason's Degree, April 13, 1896; Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree, and Royal Arch Mason's Degree, April 16, 1896. He served as Scribe, 1897; King, 1898-1899; High Priest, 1900. He was Grand Chaplain in Grand Chapter 1900 to 1912.

He received the Order of the Red Cross in Gettysburg Commandery No. 79, K. T., and was Knighted June 28, 1900. Companion EGE was a graduate of Dickinson College and spent a number of years teaching. In 1883, he gave up his work in education and entered the Ministry of the Episcopal Church. He gave up his active work in the Ministry in 1909 and made his home with his daughter in New York City. He was buried at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday July 17, 1912, M. E. Companion EZRA SCULL BARTLETT, Past Grand High Priest, departed this life and was buried with Masonic honors on Saturday, July 20.

The following letter was issued:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 15, 1912.

*To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters of
this Jurisdiction, and to all Royal Arch Masons
wherever dispersed.*

COMPANIONS:—

**Most Excellent Companion
EZRA SCULL BARTLETT,
Past Grand High Priest,**

was called by death from the activities of life to that repose which awaits the faithful companion, on Wednesday, July 17th, at his residence in Philadelphia. His funeral took place on Saturday, July 20th, and interment was made in Westminster Cemetery. The Masonic burial services were conducted at the Masonic Temple and at the grave by the officers of William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Most Excellent Companion Bartlett was closely identified with the Masonic Fraternity, was fond of its teachings, and never lost his interest in any of the Masonic Bodies with which he was connected.

Masonic Record of M. E. Companion Ezra Scull Bartlett.

BORN OCTOBER 23RD, 1848.

AGE 64 YEARS, MERCHANT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

William C. Hamilton Lodge, No. 500, F. & A. M.

Entered Apprentice March 20, 1872.
Fellow Craft May 2, 1872.
Master Mason June 4, 1872.
Junior Warden 1878.
Senior Warden 1879.
Worshipful Master 1880.
Treasurer 1885 to Decease.
Committee on Finance, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.,
1899 to 1907.
Member of Masonic Veteran Association from
January 31, 1900.

Tristram B. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243.

Mark Master May 5, 1873.
Most Excellent Master May 5, 1873.
Royal Arch Mason June 9, 1873.
Scribe 1881.
King 1882.
High Priest 1883.
Treasurer December 3, 1895, to Decease.

Mary Commandery, No. 36, K. T.

Red Cross March 12, 1874.
 Temple May 5, 1874.
 Malta May 5, 1874.
 Captain General 1885.
 Generalissimo 1886.
 Eminent Commander 1887.
 Treasurer 1889 to Decease.

Philadelphia Council No. 11, R. & S. M.

March 13, 1896. Resigned December 8, 1905.

Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Grand Scribe 1891—92.
 Grand King 1893—94.
 Grand High Priest 1895—96.
 Chairman Committee on Finance ... 1897 to Decease.

Grand Commandery K. T. of Pennsylvania.

Grand Captain General 1900.
 Grand Generalissimo 1901.
 Deputy Grand Commander 1902.
 Grand Commander 1903.
 Chairman Committee on Finance.... 1904 to May 29, 1912.

DIED JULY 17, 1912.

Most Excellent Companion Ezra Scull Bartlett loved his Companions because they *were* his brethren, and that without ostentatious display. He lived among his Companions as though he were inspired by this sentence from Longfellow: "In character, in manners, in style, in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity."

His private life, his business life, and his Masonic life will prove an inspiration to all Companions who study them. We shall miss him only to meet again on the other side, where we shall renew our fellowship.

As an expression of our deep sorrow and in token of his memory, we direct that this communication be read in each Royal Arch Chapter in this Jurisdiction at the next stated meeting, be entered in full upon the minutes, and that the jewels of the Chapters be draped in mourning for the space of six months.

Given under the seal of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the day and year above written.

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
M. E. Grand High Priest.

[seal]

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 5, M. E. Companion EDGAR A. TENNIS, Past Grand High Priest, read a suitable "In Memoriam." M. E. Companion TENNIS was Grand High Priest while M. E. Companion BARTLETT was M. E. Grand King.

DECISIONS.

Decided that a petition could not be received from a Brother who has lost almost half of one of his fingers. Decisions of MICHAEL W. JACOBS, Grand High Priest, 1899, and J. HENRY WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest, 1906.

Decided that a member cannot make objections to a candidate in open Chapter prior to the report of the Committee on Inquiry.

Decided in three cases, that where the petitioner has allowed the time provided by the Constitution to expire before presenting himself for the Degrees, proceedings in each case must cease. Constitution 1911, page 59, Section 5.

Removed from office, Companion.....
Secretary of Royal Arch Chapter No. in compliance with report of Committee on Jurisprudence, unanimously approved by Grand Chapter.

September 17, 1912. Declared the action of
R. A. Chapter No. in approving for membership the petition of null and void, that his name be stricken from the roll of the Chap-

ter, and that all dues paid by him to the Chapter be returned to him.

DISPENSATIONS.

April 12, 1912. Granted a Dispensation to Good Samaritan R. A. Chapter No. 266 to hold a Special Election for Secretary to fill a vacancy.

May 23, 1912. Granted a Dispensation to Abington R. A. Chapter No. 245, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, to hold its stated meetings, for a time in Masonic Temple, Germantown; while their own place of meeting was under reconstruction.

December 14, 1912. Granted a Dispensation to Oriental R. A. Chapter No. 183, Philadelphia, to confer the Royal Arch Degree upon a Brother, it appearing that he could not wait the time required by the Constitution, being a sea-faring man, he was about to leave on a voyage of a year or more.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

I have asked for and received one waiver of Jurisdiction from New York and three waivers of Jurisdiction from New Jersey.

I granted waivers of Jurisdiction as follows: New York, two; New Jersey, five, and Ohio, one.

I was obliged to refuse a waiver of Jurisdiction in favor of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, upon an applicant for whom a waiver was refused in 1906, because of physical disqualifications.

I was obliged to decline a request from the M. E. Grand High Priest of Illinois, M. E. Companion CHARLES C. DAVIS, that I permit Easton R. A. Chapter No. 173 to confer the Degrees upon a Brother who had been approved in Illinois just before he was obliged to change his residence to Easton, Pennsylvania. See Constitution, 1911, page 50, Article 14, Section 29.

WORK.

At the Quarterly Communication, held in March, the Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, Companion J. WILLISON SMITH as Worshipful Master.

At the Quarterly Communication, held in June, the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter No. 3, Companion GEORGE L. GARDNER as Most Excellent Master.

At the Quarterly Communication, held in September, the Royal Arch Mason's degree was exemplified by the appointed Grand Officers and members of the Capitular School of Instruction, Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Master of the Second Vail, as Most Excellent High Priest.

March 7, 1912. I invited all the District Deputy Grand High Priests to meet the Capitular School of Instruction, when the day was spent profitably in the rehearsal of the three degrees. The work was in

charge of Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School. Great interest was shown by all present, and I am quite sure it proved helpful.

At the December Quarterly Communication Companion THOMAS A. MILLAR, High Priest elect of Corinthian R. A. Chapter No. 250, was installed M. E. High Priest, and the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction.

GRAND VISITATIONS.

I made the following Grand Visitations during the year, and was accompanied by the other elective Grand Officers as well as by the appointed Grand Officers, all of whom rendered valuable assistance.

March 29th. Abington R. A. Chapter No. 245, at Jenkintown. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Doylestown R. A. Chapter No. 270, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, the officers of Fort Washington R. A. Chapter No. 220 rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree, and in the evening the officers of Abington R. A. Chapter rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, D. D., Deputy Grand High Priest, did efficient work in preparing for this meeting.

May 14th. I visited Tamaqua R. A. Chapter No. 177. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon the

officers of Tamaqua R. A. Chapter, Companion CLARENCE E. WALKER, Scribe, as Worshipful Master, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Lilly R. A. Chapter No. 181, Mauch Chunk, Companion HARRY A. BLAKSLEY, King, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the officers of Mizpah R. A. Chapter No. 252, Mahanoy City, Companion EDWARD F. SNYDER, Past High Priest, as M. E. High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree.

May 15th. I visited Mountain City R. A. Chapter No. 196. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Griscom R. A. Chapter No. 219, Ashland, Pennsylvania, LOUIS C. VOSHAGE, King, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Schuylkill R. A. Chapter No. 159, Minersville, Pennsylvania, Companion FRANK W. SIMMONS, Secretary, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the officers of Tremont R. A. Chapter No. 221, Tremont, Companion THEODORE C. FEGLEY, as Most Excellent High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. Companion PETER K. FILBERT, D. D. Grand High Priest, deserves much credit for these satisfactory rehearsals.

November 11th. I visited Allen R. A. Chapter No. 203. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Catasauqua R. A. Chapter No. 278, Companion WILLIAM D. LANDIS, Scribe, as Worshipful

Master, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Slatington R. A. Chapter No. 292, Companion CLENMORE A. ANDREWS, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening, the officers of Allen R. A. Chapter, Allentown, Companion GEORGE H. BERKEMEYER, King, as Most Excellent High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. We were favored by the presence of D. D. Grand High Priest, Companion FREDERICK W. ULRICH, who has been absent in Florida on business much of his time. He was ably assisted in the preparation for the rehearsals by Companion FRANK W. MARTENIS, Past High Priest, of Ezra R. A. Chapter No. 291, of South Bethlehem.

November 12th. Visited Lackawanna R. A. Chapter No. 185. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Warren R. A. Chapter No. 180, Montrose, Pennsylvania, Companion EUGENE H. TRUE, King, as Worshipful Master, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Lackawanna R. A. Chapter No. 185, Companion PETER FRANCIS STRUPPLER, King, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the officers of Factoryville R. A. Chapter No. 205, Companion KENNARD J. FRENCH, M. E. High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. D. D. Grand High Priest DAVID J. DAVIS was present and added much to the success of the rehearsals.

November 13th. Visited Shekinah R. A. Chapter No. 182, at Wilkes-Barre. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Pittston R. A. Chapter No. 242, Companion T. WILBUR KITE, Scribe, as Worshipful Master, rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Hazleton R. A. Chapter No. 277, Companion ALEXANDER STERLING, King, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the officers of Shekinah R. A. Chapter No. 182, Companion RALPH J. RITTERSBACH, M. E. High Priest rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. Companion HENRY L. MOORE, D. D. Grand High Priest, was prevented from attending by reason of serious illness. It was our privilege to call upon him for a few minutes and leave a floral tribute. There was every evidence of Companion MOORE's efficient work in preparing for these rehearsals, for the work was presented in quite a satisfactory manner. I am glad to report that he has sufficiently recovered to be out again.

November 14th. Visited Bloomsburg R. A. Chapter No. 218. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Catawissa R. A. Chapter No. 178, Companion CHARLES S. KLINE, High Priest, as Worshipful Master rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree and the officers of Danville R. A. Chapter No. 239, Companion WILLIAM H. KRICKBAUM, Scribe, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening

the officers of Bloomsburg R. A. Chapter No. 218, Companion HENRY BIERMAN, High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. D. D. Grand High Priest Companion WILLIAM FIELD SHAY was present and ready to render any needed assistance.

November 15th. Visited Lycoming R. A. Chapter No. 222, at Williamsport. Beginning at two o'clock in the afternoon, the officers of Troy R. A. Chapter No. 261 were to have rehearsed the Mark degree, but a typhoid epidemic had so depleted their working force that they were obliged to ask to be excused. Appointed Grand Officers were assigned to the several stations and places with Companion THOMAS McCONNELL, JR., Grand Master of the Second Vail, as Worshipful Master, and rehearsed the Mark Master Mason's degree, and the officers of Lafayette R. A. Chapter No. 163, Lock Haven, Companion EARL NEWTON HARNISH, King, as Most Excellent Master, rehearsed the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree. In the evening the officers of Lycoming R. A. Chapter No. 222, Williamsport, Companion ARTHUR S. GILMORE, High Priest, rehearsed the Royal Arch Mason's degree. D. D. Grand High Priest, Companion HENRY HIPPLE, attended and assisted materially in the work.

November 25th. Visited Media R. A. Chapter No. 234. On this occasion I was accompanied by Most Excellent Companions, EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS and CARL A. SUNDSTROM, Past

Grand High Priests, as well as by the Grand Officers, elective and appointed.

In accordance with paragraph seven, Article seven of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, I conferred the Capitular degrees upon my two sons, NORMAN DAVIS SMITH, of Rutledge, Pennsylvania, and HAMILTON ROSS SMITH, of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. Commencing at two o'clock in the afternoon, at a Special Meeting of Media R. A. Chapter No. 234, called at my request, the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred by M. E. Companion WINFIELD S. BELL, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, and the Most Excellent Master Mason's degree was conferred by M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Most Excellent Grand King. At a Stated Meeting of the Chapter in the evening, the Royal Arch Mason's degree was conferred by M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. These officers were assisted in the conferring of the degrees by the appointed Grand Officers in their proper places. The Grand High Priest appreciated the interest manifested by the members of Media R. A. Chapter and the visiting Companions present.

INFORMAL VISITATIONS.

I have made informal visitations as follows:

January 22d. Media R. A. Chapter No. 234.

March 12th. Chester R. A. Chapter No. 258.

March 21st. Montgomery R. A. Chapter No. 262.

April 3d. Oxford R. A. Chapter No. 223.

April 18th. Coatesville R. A. Chapter No. 267.

May 8th. Kennett R. A. Chapter No. 275.

May 10th. Palestine R. A. Chapter No. 240.

December 10th. Chester R. A. Chapter No. 258.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

I cannot speak in terms of too much praise of the faithfulness of the District Deputies. I have never made a request of them that they have not most cheerfully complied with. They are ever watchful over the Chapters assigned to their care, and labor conscientiously to aid the officers in the proper rendition of the ritual of the several degrees and to see that the business of the Chapters is conducted according to the requirements of the Constitution. Their attendance at the Conference with the Capitular School of Instruction, and interest taken therein indicates their willingness to be thoroughly equipped for the performance of their duties. They are the personal representative of the Grand High Priest in their several districts, and I here tender my thanks to them for the very satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties. I shall ever have them in kindly and appreciative remembrance.

NEW CHAPTER.

On Friday, November 15th, after a conference with the Companions representing the petitioners for a

warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, as well as Companions from Tyoga R. A. Chapter No. 194, of Wellsboro, from which most of the petitioners came, the Grand Officers unanimously decided to grant the warrant. There has not been time since for the Companions to make the necessary arrangements, so that the new Chapter has not been constituted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTORS.

The demand for the services of special instructors during the past year has been greater than we could meet. The one hundred dollars appropriated for this purpose was exhausted and more money expended, which the Finance Committee was good enough to provide for in their last report. I also recommended to the Committee on Finance, that the appropriation for this work for next year be made three hundred dollars, which they unanimously agreed to do. It is very gratifying to note this interest on the part of the officers of Subordinate Chapters, because it clearly indicates greater interest and improved conditions for the Chapters. The requests for this assistance should be made through the District Deputies, in order to prevent confusion.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

The courteous and fraternal relations existing between this Grand Chapter and other Grand Chapters, are of the most pleasing character, and many

opportunities have been made use of by the Grand Officers of these Grand Jurisdictions to emphasize these pleasant relations. Requests cannot always be complied with and invitations cannot always be accepted, but the language used in the communications indicate a sincerity of heart and purpose, that unites us more closely in the bonds of fraternal love and affection with but one purpose in view, that of uplifting humanity and making mankind better.

I was obliged to decline an invitation from M. E. Companion R. R. EICHLIN, Grand High Priest, of New Jersey, to attend the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, to be held in Trenton, May 15th. I had planned a Grand Visitation to Pottsville for that date.

On June 11th, accompanied by Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, M. E. Grand King, Companion WINFIELD S. BELL, M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, D. D. Grand High Priest, and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, near this Grand Chapter, and Companion JOSEPH E. QUINBY, Grand Marshal, I visited the Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, held in Boston. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, of Massachusetts, met us in person upon our arrival at seven A. M. We were royally entertained throughout the day and were given a reception by the Grand Officers in the Masonic Temple at 3 P. M. Our reception into the

Grand Chapter in the evening was of the most cordial and fraternal character, and most pleasant memories shall ever cluster around our thoughts of that visit.

At our September Quarterly Communication we were honored by the presence of the following Grand Officers from Delaware: Companion SAMUEL H. BENSON, JR., M. E. Grand High Priest; Companion WALTER W. BACON, V. E. Deputy Grand High Priest; Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR, M. E. Grand King; Companion JAMES B. BROAD, M. E. Grand Scribe, and Companion STUART J. HORN, Grand Lecturer. The following Grand Officers from Massachusetts: Companion CHARLES DANA BURRAGE, M. E. Grand High Priest; Companion HARRY HUNT, Past Grand High Priest, and Companion AUGUSTUS P. CALDER, Grand Royal Arch Captain; also the following Grand Officers from New Jersey: Companion ABRAM A. REGER, M. E. Grand High Priest; Companion LORENZO D. SANBORN, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Companion FREDERICK J. MELVIN, M. E. Grand Scribe.

It was a very great honor to be privileged to entertain so large a number of distinguished Companions. A reception was tendered the visiting Companions at three o'clock in the afternoon. I was assisted in receiving by the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests. Suitable entertainment was provided throughout the day and an enjoyable evening spent in Grand Chapter. We were greatly disappointed that

Companion MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, M. E. Grand High Priest of New York, with his Grand Officers, could not attend because of a previous engagement.

I was obliged to decline an invitation to a complimentary dinner, given in New York City to M. E. Companion MARSHALL F. HEMINGWAY, November 12th. I was making a series of Grand Visitations that week.

At the December Quarterly Communication we were favored by a visit from M. E. Companion A. B. ANDREWS, JR., Past Grand High Priest of North Carolina.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

Because of the absence of D. D. Grand High Priest FREDERICK W. ULRICH, in Florida on business, I commissioned Companion FRANK W. MARTENIS, Past High Priest of Ezra R. A. Chapter No. 291, of South Bethlehem, as my personal representative, to install the officers of the Chapters in the fourth district, after he was satisfied that the High Priest-elect was qualified to assume his station.

Because of the illness of D. D. Grand High Priest JOHN B. SPREngle, I commissioned Companion J. S. BRINTZENHOFF, Past High Priest of Reading R. A. Chapter No. 152, Reading, as my personal representative, to install the officers of the Chapters in the third district, after he was satisfied that the High Priest-elect was qualified to assume his station.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments of Grand Representatives for other Grand Chapters, near this Grand Chapter, were made:

STATES.		REPRESENTATIVES.
Arkansas	9/5	FRANK W. MARTENIS, Ezra R. A., No. 291.
California	9/5	ANDREW H. HERSHEY, No. 43.
Connecticut	9/5	IRA GEORGE ROSS, Lily R. A., No. 181.
Georgia	12/18	CHARLES D. WEIRICK, Weidle, No. 197.
Idaho	12/5	HOWARD M. BROWN, Media, No. 234.
Indiana	9/5	FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY, Temple, No. 248.
Minnesota	9/5	WILLIAM H. DENLINGER, Clearfield, No. 228.
New Jersey	12/5	WILLIAM S. SEMPLER, Easton, No. 173.
Scotland	9/5	J. FREDERICK HERBERT, Abington, No. 245.
Texas	9/5	FRED M. SMITH, Chester, No. 258.
Victoria	10/17	RICHARD F. DAWSON, Phoenix, No. 198.
Wisconsin	9/3	WILLIAM E. PERRY, Norristown, No. 190.

CONCLUSION.

And now I am about to surrender my sceptre, the emblem of my authority, to my successor, and I bespeak for him that same cordial, hearty support you have accorded me. In giving up this post of honor, I do it with much regret, for the personal relations existing in our little Masonic family have been most pleasant, and the many acts of kindness I have received at their hands have touched me most deeply. My Companions, pleasant remembrances of you shall ever be an inspiration to me for better living. The opportunities for rendering assistance and doing good are ever presenting themselves, and it is always a pleasure to be of service, for what is life without

service. The Great Teacher emphasized the importance of service. There is a purpose in life for each one of us. It is for us to discover that purpose and put forth our best efforts to comply with its requirements. May all with whom we come in contact catch a new incentive for better living because of the standards we set in life.

My prayer for you, my Companions, for the new year is peace and not contention, prosperity and not adversity, joy and not sorrow,

Fraternally and affectionately submitted,

A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 5, 1912, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging*, was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Comp. WINFIELD S. BELL, *M. E. Grand King.*

“ SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

“ EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.,
M. E. Grand Treasurer.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, presented the following address:

COMPANIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER:

Among the manifold agencies operating for the development of the Divinity that is in Humanity, the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, holds no inconspicuous place.

From the date of its birth as an offspring of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, more than one hundred and seventy years ago, to the present moment, it has with varying force and power stood for Truth, Righteousness and Human uplift.

Grand Officers have come and Grand Officers have gone, but onward and upward has ever rolled the swelling tide of increasing membership and widening sphere of influence of the Grand Chapter. Good men and true, wise men and strong, have shaped its course and controlled its destinies, men of high ideals and exalted sense of duty, ever keen to advance the standards.

Concerning no period of the Grand Chapter's history is this more true than of the last decade.

The Ancient Landmarks have been zealously guarded from innovation that no impious hand might

be laid upon the Sacred Ark. Laws, Rules, Regulations and Edicts have been strictly enforced, because such course was essential to discipline, cohesion, and the making available of the mighty forces for Righteousness that are ours for the effort.

Exactitude and uniformity of Ritual have been insisted upon in acknowledgment of the truth proclaimed by the greatest Artist the world ever knew, "Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle."

Harmony prevails throughout the length and breadth of this great Jurisdiction.

Zeal and enthusiasm are manifest on every side, and the Ritualistic work is steadily advancing along the highway leading to the goal of perfection.

More than (or nearly?) thirty-four thousand earnest seekers after truth, whose high aspirations even the strength, beauty and wisdom of the symbolic degrees failed to satisfy, but who continued in their quest until they attained the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch, are now enlisted under the banner of this Grand Chapter and obey its laws.

Companions, Grand Officers, we are for the time the Chosen Servants and leaders of this Great Army. Ours is indeed a rich heritage. Ours a great opportunity, but even greater is our responsibility. Shall we be less faithful to duty, less true to self and God, than those who have preceded us? God forbid.

Elected Grand Officers, District Deputy, Grand High Priests, Officers of the Staff and members of Committees, aye and you Past Grand High Priests, I conjure you, join with me, and here and now let us each and all reconsecrate ourselves to the service of this Grand Chapter, which is the service of Humanity, which is and ever will be the service of God.

And thou Almighty Jehovah seal our purpose with thy blessing and direct our footsteps by wisdom's paths to the service of our fellows.

APPOINTMENTS.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion PAUL J. PONTIUS, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284 and Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214.

B. Companion ROBERT G. SMITH, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251, 256 and Columbia Mark Lodge, No. 91.

C. Companion JOHN C. TAYLOR, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 216.

1. Companion J. HOWARD S. BARNES, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion WAYNE J. PENNELL, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198)

and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

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ROBERT L. BUEHLER.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, in a very happy address presented the Jewel of a Past Grand High Priest to the retiring

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, who accepted it in a brief but appropriate response.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion SETH LUTHER POPE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oregon Royal Arch Masons. Died October 27, 1912.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM VANDERHURST, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died November 1, 1912.

M. E. Companion DANIEL HOTCHKISS WHEELER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died November 27, 1912.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at eight o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

CHARLES CARY,
Grand Secretary.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
OF
The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

- 1795, WILLIAM BALL.*
1796—1797, WILLIAM MOORE SMITH,*
1798—1802, JONATHAN BAYARD SMITH.*
1802—1805, ISRAEL ISRAEL.*
1806—1813, JAMES MILNOR.*
1814, RICHARD TYBOUT.*
1815, SAMUEL F. BRADFORD.*
1816—1817, WALTER KERR.*
1818—1821, BAYSE NEWCOMB.*
1822—1823, JOSIAH RANDALL.*
1824—1825, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1826, JOHN STEELE, JR.*
1827, TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN.*
1828, JOSEPH S. RILEY.*
1829—1831, JOHN M. READ.*
1832—1833, SAMUEL H. PERKINS.*
1834, ENOS S. GANDY.*
1835, JOHN Y. BLACK.*
1836—1840, JOSEPH R. CHANDLER.*
1841—1842, ALEXANDER DIMOND.*
1843—1844, WILLIAM WHITNEY.*
1845—1846, WILLIAM BARGER.*
1847, JOHN MCGRATH.*
1848, JOHN J. KRIDER.*
1849, JAMES SIMPSON.*
1850—1851, DAVID C. SKERRETT.*

*Deceased.

- 1852—1853, EDWARD P. LESCURE.*
1854, ANTHONY BOURNONVILLE.*
1855—1856, HARMAN BAUGH.*
1857, JOHN C. SMITH.*
1858—1859, DANIEL THOMPSON.*
1860, BENJAMIN PARKE.*
1861, HARMAN YERKES.*
1862—1863, JEREMIAH L. HUTCHINSON.*
1864—1865, GEORGE W. WOOD.*
1866—1867, SAMUEL C. PERKINS.*
1868—1869, GEORGE GRISCOM.*
1870—1871, MICHAEL NISBET.*
1874—1875, ANDREW ROBENO, JR.*
1876, GEORGE E. WAGNER.*
1877—1878, ALFRED R. POTTER.*
1879—1880, WILLIAM C. HAMILTON.*
1881—1882, HIBBERT P. JOHN.
1883—1884, AUGUSTUS R. HALL.*
1885—1886, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.
1887—1888, MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON.*
1889—1890, JAMES S. BARBER.*
1891—1892, ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.*
1893—1894, EDGAR A. TENNIS.
1895—1896, EZRA S. BARTLETT.*
1897—1898, RICHARD M. JOHNSON.*
1899—1900, MICHAEL W. JACOBS.
1901—1902, EDWARD B. SPENCER.
1903—1904, H. OSCAR KLINE.
1905—1906, J. HENRY WILLIAMS.
1907—1908, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH.
1909—1910, CARL A. SUNDSTROM.
1911—1912, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH.
1912—, GEORGE B. WELLS.

*Deceased.



Wm Ball

First Grand Chief
1795



Our Dead

“Pause, courteous Spirit!—Balbi supplicates
That Thou, with no reluctant voice, for him
Here laid in mortal darkness, wouldst prefer
A prayer to the Redeemer of the world.
This to the dead by sacred right belongs;
All else is nothing.

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A blessed Man! who of protracted days
Made not, as thousands do, a vulgar sleep;
But truly did He live his life.—Urbino,
Take pride in him!—O passenger farewell!”

—*Wordsworth.*



Our Dead

“With copious eulogy in prose or rhyme
Graven on the tomb we struggle against Time,
Alas, how feebly! but our feelings rise
And still we struggle when a good man dies:

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Yet here at least, though few have numbered days
That shunned so modestly the light of praise,
His graceful manners, and the temperate ray
Of that arch fancy which would round him play,
Brightening a converse never known to swerve
From courtesy and delicate reserve;
That sense, the bland philosophy of life,
Which checked discussion ere it warmed to strife;
Those rare accomplishments, and varied powers—
Oh, fled for ever! vanished like a blast
That shook the leaves in myriads as it passed;—
Gone from this world of earth, air, sea and sky.
From all its spirit-moving imagery.”

—Wordsworth.



In Memoriam



EZRA SCULL BARTLETT

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Born October 23, 1848

Died July 17, 1912



In Memoriam

GRAND CHAPLAIN
REV. THOMPSON P. EGE
Died March 24, 1912

SCRIBE No. 199
JOHN C. BENDER
Died March 9, 1912

SCRIBE No. 208
WALTER E. TORR
Died February 23, 1912

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
HENRY L. BOWEN.....	No. 21	May 28, 1912
WILLIAM L. MARSHALL..	“ 43	Sept. 16, 1912
TORRENCE C. HIPPLE.....	“ 163	June 12, 1912
MAX BAUM.....	“ 165	July 10, 1912
JAMES P. STEWART.....	“ 166	Feb. 17, 1912
JOHN W. BRACKEN.....	“ 166	Dec. 5, 1912
FRANCIS E. ARCHIBALD..	“ 169	Jan. 6, 1912
JOHN G. MAGEE.....	“ 175	Jan. 23, 1912
SAMUEL BOWER.....	“ 177	Apr. 29, 1912
JOHN J. LEWIS.....	“ 178	Mch. 15, 1912
JOHN B. COX.....	“ 181	Sept. 15, 1912
FRANK M. MOYER.....	“ 185	Nov. 28, 1912
EDWARD L. BUCK.....	“ 185	Dec. 16, 1912
AMOS C. DAVIS.....	“ 189	Feb. 22, 1912
D. HOWARD CRAWFORD...	“ 189	May 3, 1912
GEORGE A. LENZI.....	“ 190	Jan. 28, 1912
JOHN C. BENDER (Scribe)..	“ 199	Mch. 9, 1912
JACOB D. HEIGES.....	“ 199	July 5, 1912
GIBBONS G. CORNWELL....	“ 202	Aug. 6, 1912
ROBERT E. WRIGHT.....	“ 203	Apr. 15, 1912
CLEMENT A. MARKS.....	“ 203	Oct. 23, 1912

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
WALTER E. TORR (Scribe)...	No. 208	Feb. 23, 1912
HARRY J. JOHNSON.....	" 208	Sept. 11, 1912
CHARLES H. NEISSER.....	" 216	Nov. 16, 1912
GEORGE N. LACOCK.....	" 217	Oct. 20, 1912
CHARLES K. FRANCIS.....	" 218	Apr. 7, 1912
JAMES M. STAVER.....	" 218	July 31, 1912
EMIL C. WAGNER.....	" 219	Dec. 17, 1912
CHARLES H. MARPEL.....	" 220	Aug. 22, 1912
JOSEPH W. MUSSINA.....	" 222	Jan. 15, 1912
GRANT S. TINSLEY.....	" 224	Sept. 24, 1912
WILSON R. RAMSEY.....	" 225	Mar. 24, 1912
J. EMORY BYRAM.....	" 226	July 8, 1912
GEORGE R. DIXON.....	" 230	June 11, 1912
JOHN MOSER.....	" 232	Nov. 29, 1912
WILLIAM T. W. DICKINSON,	" 234	Feb. 21, 1912
SAMUEL A. FIELDS.....	" 234	May 26, 1912
THOMAS KEELER	" 235	Mch. 3, 1912
JOSEPH WALKERMAN.....	" 235	Mch. 10, 1912
HUGH B. THOMPSON.....	" 235	Sept. 23, 1912
ROBERT HENDERSON.....	" 235	Nov. 7, 1912
JOSEPH B. GARWOOD.....	" 240	May , 1912

In Memory of
Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
EZRA S. BARTLETT, P. G. H. P., No. 243		July 17, 1912
WILBUR F. LITCH.....	" 251	Dec. 25, 1912
WESLEY HAMMER	" 252	Jan. 18, 1912
JAMES W. HUGHES.....	" 255	Feb. 4, 1912
FRANKLIN L. JOHNSON...	" 256	Oct. 6, 1912
ALLAN C. KERR.....	" 257	Feb. 7, 1912
JAMES LITTLE	" 257	Apr. 23, 1912
CHARLES F. FOSTER.....	" 258	Dec. 8, 1912
FREDERICK E. VAN DYNE,	" 261	Nov. 4, 1912
EDWARD M. MINSHALL...	" 262	Aug. 24, 1912
THOMPSON P. EGE (Grand Chaplain),	" 266	Mch. 24, 1912
BENJAMIN B. COLLINS....	" 272	Nov. 2, 1912
FREDERIC H. CUYLE.....	" 277	Feb. 25, 1912

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence submits its annual report for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1912.

The work of reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapters has, as usual, been allotted to the several members of the Committee in the proportion of one-fifth to each.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned. The proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions marked with an asterisk did not reach the Grand Secretary in time for distribution.

Alabama	}	WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
Arizona		
Arkansas		
California		
Canada		
Colorado		
Connecticut		
Delaware		
District of Columbia		
England		
*England, Gr. Mark Lodge.....	}	STOCKTON BATES.
Florida		
General Grand Chapter		
Georgia		
*Idaho		
Illinois		
Indiana		
Iowa		
*Ireland		
Kansas		
Kentucky		
Louisiana		

Maine	}	JOHN M. CORE.
Maryland		
Massachusetts		
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Mississippi		
Missouri		
Montana		
Nebraska		
Nevada		
New Brunswick	}	GEORGE HALE.
New Hampshire		
New Jersey		
*New Mexico		
*New York		
North Carolina		
North Dakota		
Nova Scotia		
Ohio		
Oklahoma		
Oregon	}	GEORGE PARK SINGER.
Pennsylvania		
Quebec		
Rhode Island		
Scotland		
South Carolina		
South Dakota		
Tennessee		
*Texas		
Utah		
Vermont	}	
*Victoria		
*Virginia		
Washington		
*West Virginia		
Wisconsin		
Wyoming		

There is internal evidence in each of the reviews to show that the work has been conscientiously and lovingly done by the several members of the Committee.

One turns from the grind of daily cares—perhaps from the monotony of daily occupations—to look through the pages of these proceedings and, perforce,

forgets his troubles and breathes new inspiration in the effort.

The fragrant breath of friendship and brotherly love floats out from the pages and the inhalation invigorates and revives. There comes a satisfying realization of the fact that the Freemason finds "in every land a brother, in every clime a home."

With one purpose each Jurisdiction pursues its steadfast course and "the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry" is annually justified in these published proceedings, the reviews of which, are now submitted for your perusal.

Differences?—Yes! there are differences of organization and environment. Contentions?—Yes! "as to who can best work and best agree." Quarrels?—there are none. Criticism?—Yes! but they are the admonitions of a loving brother. There is an absence of rancor and a presence of love. Each gives a part of himself and each in return may reap a rich reward of friendship and brotherly love.

The addresses of the several Grand High Priests, in almost identical language, are filled with the warmth of true fraternity, tearful sympathy for those who have lost friends, brothers or Companions, devout reverence to Almighty God and healthful optimism as to the future of Capitular Masonry.

S. B.

ALABAMA.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on the 4th and 5th of December, 1911.

All Grand Officers, except one, were present, seven Past Grand High Priests, forty-one representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alabama (Pennsylvania's representative being among the number) and the representatives of sixty-four Chapters.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.

M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, was received with Grand Honors, escorted to the East, and addressed the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest's address is a review of his actions during the year, naturally more useful to the Companions of Alabama than to other Jurisdictions.

He refers feelingly to the distinguished dead of his own and other Jurisdictions, especially to the death of WILLIAM HENRY DINGLEY, Grand Treasurer for over forty years (exceeding the term of our beloved

Companion PATTON by three years), he issued a circular letter to the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction, reviewing the life and Masonic services of Companion DINGLEY, paying a beautiful tribute to his memory.

He issued dispensations for the formation of two new Chapters (also a number to elect and install officers to fill vacancies caused by death, and for other causes, and a large number to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time. Grand High Priests are good-natured men, and cannot say no to the entreaties of their Companions on this important subject. Yet, to the writer, it has always appeared objectionable and should be discouraged.

He issued Dispensations to consolidate two Subordinate Chapters, no doubt making one strong and influential Chapter. This could be done in our Jurisdiction to advantage and for the best interests of Capitular Masonry.

He made four Grand Visitations during the year, and attended a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Georgia as the guest of the Grand Chapter.

He made two decisions, neither of which is in accord with Pennsylvania law, one arose from a request of a Chapter in Kentucky to a Chapter in Alabama, to confer the degrees upon a Brother who, after approval in a Kentucky Chapter, had removed to Alabama; the Alabama Chapter inquired of the Grand

High Priest as to their right to comply with the request, owing to the fact that the Brother had lost a foot, he dropped the physical disqualification question, and decided that in view of the request of the Kentucky Chapter, they having approved the petition, that they could confer the degrees. Our Jurisdiction has pronounced views on this subject; with us the Brother could not have received the degrees. On the subject, we quote from the proceedings of the State of Washington, 1912, decision by the Grand High Priest, as follows:

“1. Is a brother now a member of a Blue Lodge, with one foot off at the ankle, otherwise a sound man, although he has an artificial foot, eligible to the Chapter degrees?

“Answer: No. Section 15 of our By-Laws reads: ‘He must be a natural man and not one made of wood or cork or substance other than human flesh and bone.’ ”

The decision, or rather, By-Law, is positive, it is good Masonic law, and in strict accord with the Ancient customs, usages and landmarks of Freemasonry. His conclusion is as follows:

“The work of the year has now gone into history and I will soon surrender the gavel to my worthy successor. To be the official head of the body of men who compose the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, is indeed an honor that any man might covet and be proud of. I again assure you of my great appreciation of this undeserved honor. What degree of success has been attained during the year, is but the reflection of the work of the officers of this Grand Chapter, and of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction. May we all go out from this Annual Convocation with renewed zeal and interest not only in Capitular Masonry, but in all the work which goes to build up the mental and moral edifice of our lives; that as we grow older in years, we may so grasp and apply the sublime truths taught us at the altar of free masonry, that they will render each of us of more service to God, our country and our fellow man.”

Wouldn't we all be better if we would take these sublime truths with us into the world, and practice them in our dealings with our fellow men?

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, report a balance in their hands of Thirty-three hundred fifty-eight and 33/100 dollars (\$3358.33).

They amended the Constitution by inserting the words "and Rabbis" that makes it include both "Ministers and Rabbis," which is all right, but we question the propriety of making any distinction, all applicants should be treated alike and pay the same fees.

The work was exemplified, the degrees of Most Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason were conferred, continuing the work of last year, an earnest endeavor to secure uniformity in the work.

The reports of Subordinate Chapters show present membership to be thirty-five hundred and fifty-two (3552), an increase of one hundred and nine (109) over last year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was again prepared by M. E. Companion WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB. It is a valuable contribution to Masonry, especially his own Jurisdiction; he is a remarkable man, has long since passed the allotted time of man, and is living on borrowed time, and his report is written with as much, or more, force than is

possessed by many men not half his age. May a good Providence still favor him, and continue his life for many years. Possibly if I was in attendance at a meeting of the Grand Chapter of Alabama, I might say more about the venerable Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and it certainly would be commendatory, in the strongest terms possible.

We are accorded a four page review, although he says we "receive but meager attention." We, however, regard it as full and complete, and certainly courteous and fraternal.

We are not prepared to accept the statement of Companion WILLIAM J. HUGHAN, nor the conclusions of the Chairman, in reference to the introduction of Masonry on the American Continent. We still adhere to the fact that the first Lodge ever held in America was held in Philadelphia, and the first Grand Lodge was held in the same city. Pennsylvania, in fact, is the mother of Masonry in America.

The proceedings contain a portrait of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion WILLIAM E. BINGHAM.

The following officers were elected, and installed by M. E. Comp. NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Companion LAWRENCE H. LEE, Grand High Priest and Comp. GEORGE E. BEAUCHAMP, Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona, was held on Wednesday, February 14th, 1912, at the Masonic Hall in the city of Prescott.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M., with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and music by the Choir. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ANDREW ELLICOTT DOUGLASS, presiding.

All the Grand Officers (excepting the Grand Chaplain and Grand Master of the First Vail) eight Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of all the Chapters in the Jurisdiction, eight in number, were present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and, after the introduction, refers particularly to his services as Grand High Priest. The introduction is deserving of a place in our proceedings. We quote it:

“Permit me, Companions, to express my sincere appreciation of the honor you have bestowed upon me for the past year. This appreciation is truly heartfelt, not merely because Chapter work has been of great Masonic interest to me in recent years, but because toward many of our Companions and Brothers I cherish deep feelings of admiration and gratitude for the Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth they have shown in times past.

“In Chapter Masonry as well as in the Blue Lodge we have certain symbolisms which may have come down to us from a remote past. One part of this, namely the origin and meaning of the emblems on the Royal Arch Banner is not usually known and yet is of sufficient interest to incite us to more constant use and display of the banner. These emblems are the Ox, the Lion, the Eagle and the Man, taken in their proper order. They are of very ancient astronomical origin, and represent the four principal con-

stellations or Gates of Heaven through which the Sun passed in the four seasons of the year, Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, and were used by the ancients for the division of time. The Ox was called by the Greeks Taurus, the Bull, and, about five thousand years ago when the constellations were made, denoted the place of the Sun at the Spring Equinox, March 21st, and was used for determining that time of the year. The Lion is still called Leo, the Lion, and indicates mid-summer. The Man is the constellation Aquarius, the Water Bearer, and located the Autumnal Equinox, September 20th. The Eagle was an ancient part of the constellation Scorpio, the Scorpion, which in early time was represented with an eagle on its back. This showed the place of the Sun in mid-winter. The four principal stars in or near these Gates of Heaven were respectively Aldeberan, nearly over our heads at this season in the early evening, Regulus, just rising, Antares, rising late at night, and Formalhaut, too near the Sun to be seen in February. These were called the Four Royal Stars of Heaven.

“Thus we see that the Royal Arch Banner represents the Temple of Heaven of which the emblems denote the four Gates. The Lion, the Ox, the Man and the Eagle have then a deeper significance for us, for we realize that they formed the key by which the ancients were enabled to read the mysterious writing in the sky and obtained knowledge of Time, when to plant seed, when to reap, and when to worship their Great Creator.

“I trust that during the continuance of my term as Grand High Priest the Companions, particularly those who are present and who are most likely to be in touch with the various Companions, will bear this idea in mind. I do not want to lay down any strict rule or give any strict or harsh opinion, because I realize that there is a certain line to which we may go, but beyond that I think that we not only do our order an injury, but also fail in our endeavor to make the candidate realize the responsibility which he has assumed on becoming a Royal Arch Mason.”

He made five official visits, outside of this his acts were few; no questions were asked, hence no decisions; peace and harmony prevailed in all parts of the Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary was presented, showing the receipts of the year, together with a tabulated statement of the several Chapters of the Jurisdiction, showing the membership on December 31st,

1911, to be six hundred and ninety-six, an increase of eight during the year.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be five thousand one hundred eleven and 60/100 dollars (\$5111.60).

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, M. E. Companion MORRIS GOLDWATER. It embraces several paragraphs, one of which we quote:

“Once again for reasons of economy no Report on Correspondence has been prepared.”

Certainly correct, debt should be avoided in Masonry whenever possible.

The Grand Representatives were received and welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and responded to by Comp. JAMES S. CROMB, Grand Representative of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Scotland.

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel, by M. E. Companion MORRIS GOLDWATER, in a very flattering manner.

The proceedings contain an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ANDREW ELLICOTT DOUGLASS.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion GEORGE HENRY NICHOLAS SUHRS, Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion GEORGE JAMES ROSKRUGE, Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 23rd, 1911, at ten o'clock A. M.

All Grand Officers were present, also ten Past Grand High Priests, and representatives of sixty, out of the eighty-eight Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

M. E. Companion CHARLES N. RIX, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter, was welcomed by the Grand High Priest and received with Grand Honors.

The roll of the Grand Representatives was called, sixteen answering to their names (regret that Pennsylvania's representative was not among the number), they were welcomed and received with Grand Honors.

Then followed the address of the Grand High Priest, which is a complete review of his actions during the year.

For good and sufficient reasons, he granted nine Dispensations to receive petitions, ballot and confer degrees, without waiting the statutory time, to elect and install officers, and, in two instances, to elect and install officers of Chapters which had not met for several years. The latter is all right, as it is virtually reviving Chapters. With us where Chapters fail to

elect at the proper time, the old officers hold over. Try it, Companions, and it will not occur a second time.

Two Dispensations were issued for the organization of new Chapters.

He made eight decisions. They are, no doubt, good law in Arkansas, and most of them are so with us. We, however, think that when a Chapter is about to surrender its warrant, it is better to have the Certificates issued by authority of Grand Chapter. We also believe that the funds of a Chapter should be deposited either in the name of the Chapter, by the Treasurer, or in the name of, Treasurer of Chapter.

Two Chapters were revived by the Grand High Priest under directions of the Grand Chapter.

We give his views on the condition of the Craft:

“Capitular Masonry in Arkansas is upon the upward move, slowly, it is true, yet gradually, and the report of our Grand Secretary will show some growth during the past year. Better far, though, than growth in numbers is the continued and widespread growth of good fellowship and brotherly feeling, which make it possible that no discord or disagreement here arises.”

We like his conclusion and quote it in full:

“My year as your Grand High Priest is ended, and whatever of good that I have done is in the past, yet the honors obtained will never depart except by my own misdeeds. To be the head of any one of the Masonic bodies in a Sovereign State is an honor any one may well feel proud to possess, but when the brethren are so impartial as to bestow three of these upon a youth of my years, it is something for which I shall be under obligation to the Masons of Arkansas until my last breath shall come, and to say that I appreciate these honors is speaking mildly, and though today sees my retirement from active authority, yet it is but the beginning of many years

of willing servitude in this great cause, to which we have all willingly entrusted our services. Now, may we Companions so embrace the remaining span of life that when we shall come to the end of our journey and silently cross to that farther shore with the boatman pale, and be welcomed by the many loved ones who have preceded us, it may be said of us, 'He was a man,' and may we then be welcomed into the widely extended arms of the 'Blessed Immanuel,' to dwell forever in the peaceful abode of the blessed.'"

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary show the Grand Chapter to be in sound financial condition. Total assets: Five thousand seven hundred thirty-five and 98/100 dollars (\$5735.98).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be four thousand one hundred seventy-three (4173); an increase of ninety-seven (97) during the year.

At the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter, a Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of incorporating the Grand Chapter, and, if deemed advisable, to take the necessary steps for that purpose. The Committee determined to incorporate, and the Legislature passed the following Act:

"An Act to incorporate the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas:

"Be it enacted by the People of the State of Arkansas.

"Section 1. That Mark P. Olney, Grand High Priest; John M. Oathout, Deputy Grand High Priest; Robert Liddell, Grand King; Cyrus L. Brown, Grand Scribe, and all other officers and their successors in office, and all of the members and their successors in membership of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Arkansas, as now organized and established, being an organization for the mutual benefit of its members, purely fraternal and benevolent in character, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate.

“Sec. 2. The name of said corporation shall be ‘The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas,’ and by that name it shall have succession forever.

“Sec. 3. Said corporation may sue and be sued, execute contracts, acquire, hold, mortgage, lease, sell and otherwise dispose of real and personal property in its corporate name; may adopt a constitution and by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, for its government, for its perpetual succession, and for the government of the subordinate Chapters under its Masonic jurisdiction, now organized or hereafter to be organized; may amend or repeal the same; may adopt a corporate seal; may organize, control or abolish subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction; and may do all things necessary and incident to its existence and to the purposes of its organization.

“Sec. 4. The domicile of said corporation shall be at the city of Little Rock, or at such place as it may designate from time to time, by resolution, spread upon its minutes.

“Sec. 5. No profits or dividends shall ever be declared or paid to the members of said corporation, but it may make charitable contributions to such persons or purposes as it may deem to be worthy.

“Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect and be in force on and after the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1911.

“Approved May 10, 1911.”

We have given the Act in full, have no comments to make, as we gave our views of this subject last year, see no reason to change them; will watch, with interest, its workings, incline to the belief that a repealing Act will be passed before many years.

All the regular Committees made report. In most cases nothing came before the Committees, hence the reports were brief, but it was a satisfaction to know that all the affairs of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters were progressing favorably.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion EUGENE G. SCHOONOVER, Chairman; it is an able report. Our Jurisdic-

tion receives a courteous review of two pages. We regret very much that, after having served faithfully and satisfactorily for a period of three years, he bids adieu to Capitular Masonry, as a member of the Committee on Correspondence. His place will be difficult to fill.

The first page of the proceedings contains a picture of M. E. Companion JOHN M. OATHOUT, Grand High Priest for the present year.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion JOHN M. OATHOUT, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JOHN E. BONE, Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Chapter, it departed from the time-honored custom of meeting in San Francisco, and met in the U. S. Grant Hotel, in the city of San Diego, on Tuesday, April 16th, 1912.

The members of the Grand Chapter were welcomed by Comp. JAMES EDWARD WADHAM, Mayor of the city of San Diego, in the following language:

“Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions:—This is the first time that you have met at a place other than the city of San Francisco, and you have conferred this special privilege upon the city of San Diego, and I am deeply impressed with this favor which you have thus bestowed upon us and our citizens.

“I welcome you, and extend to you all of the privileges that pertain to such a welcome. May your stay here fill you with renewed spirits and when you return to your home body and shall perform your home duties, may the Ark of the Covenant be more easily carried, may the Keystone fit more perfectly, may your reverence for the Bible be enhanced, and may you ever retain the memories of the pleasant stay you had while in this city.”

The M. E. Grand High Priest responded on behalf of the Grand Chapter, thanking the Mayor for his cordial welcome.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES WILLIS NORTON, with music by the Grand Organist and Choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

All the Grand Officers were present, excepting Grand Captain of the Host, also eleven Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of eighty-four Subordinate Chapters, only fourteen Chapters were not represented.

The usual custom of honoring the survivors of the earthquake and fire of 1906 was observed. Twenty responded to their names, and were honored as follows:

“The Companions were received with the public Grand Honors and commended by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for their faithfulness and attachment to duty during that trying and dreadful catastrophe.

“The position of the Companions who were in attendance on that memorable morning was compared to that occupied by the soldier when he is about to enter a battle for the first time—not having in mind the danger he was about to encounter, but instilled with the thought that he was there to do the very best he could under the trying circumstances which confronted him.”

The Grand Representatives were received “with” the Grand Honors by three times three, and heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest; responses were made by several Representatives.

The Grand High Priest presented his address, which is an able one, and will meet the approval of the Fraternity generally. We quote the introduction:

“The assembling of this Grand Chapter reminds us that another year has been taken from the future and added to the past since last we met in annual convocation around our altar.

“A glance at our Companions serves to show that its effect has been only to deepen the lines in the face of youth, to silver a little more the temples of middle life, and to whiten the head and bow the frame of age. Let us rejoice that the hand of time cannot change the *hearts* of our companions. He writes no wrinkles there. His flight may silver the heart strings, but only to render their music more silvery. His touch cannot palsy the hand of friendship. For by God’s grace from the beginning of time to the end of eternity it will be true, that

“ ‘The fairest sight is a friendly face,
The blithest tread is a friendly pace,
And Heaven will be a better place for a friend or two.’ ”

“It is with sentiments such as this that I welcome to this annual convocation the officers and companions of this Grand Chapter, now convened for the fifty-eighth time. While our gathering and our purpose is a purely fraternal one, let us not forget that we are citizens of a great and glorious State and Nation, and before we proceed with and while we consider the business of our order to come before us, let us with grateful hearts acknowledge the peace and prosperity which have blessed our land throughout the year just passed. Let us return thanks to Him who maketh the clouds His chariot, ‘for the copious and timely rains, which have changed in a few short weeks the face of our State from a desert to green fields with promise of a bounteous harvest, and the faces of our people from disconsolate looks to smiles of gladness.’ ”

He constituted three new Chapters.

He issued a number of Dispensations for the election of officers, and for balloting upon applicants in less than the statutory time; each case for good and sufficient reasons.

Three decisions were made, all of which are sound Masonic law, from a Pennsylvania standpoint.

He certainly performed his duty on the subject of visitations, having made official visits to forty-one Subordinate Chapters. He was most heartily welcomed at every visit, and it is certainly a duty that the Grand High Priest owes to the Grand Chapter to visit as many of the Constituent Chapters as possible, it never fails to do good, at least in arousing the members to renewed vigor in behalf of Capitular Masonry.

He visited the Masonic Home at San Gabriel, and commends it in the highest terms possible. At the present time they have forty-seven boys and girls, all seemed contented and happy. The capacity of the Home is two hundred.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership of the ninety-seven chartered Chapters, and one under Dispensation, to be twelve thousand three hundred and one (12,301) a gain of four hundred and eight (408) during the year; and the receipts during the year were ten thousand fifteen and 50/100 dollars (\$10,015.50).

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be seventy-one thou-

sand four hundred nine and 46/100 dollars (\$71,409.46).

The Mark Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of San Diego Chapter No. 61.

The office of Grand Lecturer is most important; he is certainly a busy man. During the year he made forty-seven visits, installed officers, held Schools of Instruction, and conferred degrees.

A resolution was adopted which should not only commend itself, but should be adopted by the Grand Chapter, that of uniform receipts for dues. They are to be prepared by the Grand Secretary, with the Seal of the Grand Chapter and fac-simile of the signature of the Grand Secretary on the back. Such should be followed by all Grand Chapters, and properly carried out, would be a great protection against imposters.

The Committee on Grievances submitted the following report:

“We, your Committee on Grievances, to whom was assigned the arduous task of seeking trouble among the Companions, beg to report that strict search has been made throughout this Grand Jurisdiction and that a just cause for grievance has not been found—save one. We find that a just cause exists in that we, members of this Grand Chapter, are so soon to conclude our labors and depart from this beautiful city of our Companions of the sunny southland, where we have been so hospitably and delightfully entertained.”

We commend this as a model report.

By resolution of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest was directed to procure bust portraits

of each of the Companions who met and closed Grand Chapter on April 18, 1906; they make a fine picture, the Grand Chapter is to be congratulated in thus preserving the faces of these distinguished Companions.

The newly elected Grand High Priest, after installation, addressed Grand Chapter. He used the following language:

“I do not want to place myself in the position of being a pessimist, as our Past Grand High Priest on one or two occasions told me I was, for I have always tried to be an optimist. I do believe, however, and I think we all must realize, that Masonry, and particularly Capitular Masonry, is not maintaining itself as it should throughout the State of California, and I am convinced that if we stop to consider and compare the situation with what it was a few years ago we cannot help but realize that there is something lacking.

“All organizations are for some purpose; they must have some ideals and some reason for existing. Masonry is no exception to this rule, and if we get away and depart from the ideals of our ancient companions there will be no further reason for existing, and our order, like many other organizations which have sprung up from time to time, will soon pass away. Personally, I am convinced that such a condition will never happen as far as Masonry is concerned, but I realize, and I believe the Companions who have observed must realize, that many who have come among us and who have been initiated into our order do not realize the responsibility or appreciate the great honor which has been conferred upon them by being exalted to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

“It is my personal observation that candidates in applying for membership in our various Chapters are often assisted or helped along too much by our Companions. Personally I am very much opposed to soliciting members to any branch or any degree of Masonry. Masonry, as we are taught, is a moral and progressive science taught by degrees only. Those who desire to advance should, therefore, first perfect themselves in the degrees that have already been conferred upon them before they should be permitted to be exalted to the sublime degree of our Royal Arch.

“Now, I realize that there is a line which we must not overstep and a line to which we may go in endeavoring to secure additional members for our Chapters, and I only recall my own experience as a young man when I received my first degree. As I advanced step by step in Masonry, I looked forward to the realization of eventually becoming a Royal Arch

Mason, and having solicited them of my own free will I deeply appreciated the honors conferred upon me—a great deal more than I would had I been solicited by my Companions. It has been my observation in the Chapter and Commandery that those whom we have solicited for the degrees in these bodies have in most cases seldom if ever attended the meetings after their initiation. Now, there is something wrong when this is the case, and the reason is that the candidate is solicited to join the order before he is ready to do so of his own free will and accord.’’

We commend this to our Companions.

We note there is no Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near our Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is again prepared by M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES. The work is well done, and will certainly commend itself to the Fraternity. Pennsylvania is not reviewed.

A steel engraving of Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion CHARLES W. NORTON, adorns the proceedings.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion LEE VALTUS YOUNGWORTH, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES, Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, was held on Wednesday, February 28th, in Masonic Hall, Temple Building, in the city of Toronto.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A.-M., by M. E. Companion FRED W. HARCOURT, Grand Z., a number of Grand Officers were absent, fourteen Grand Superintendents were present, and Representatives of one hundred and fifteen, out of the one hundred and fifty-seven, Constituent Chapters. We regard this as a wonderful attendance, when we consider the extent of the territory embraced in the five provinces which make up the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The address of the Grand Z. is an admirable Masonic paper. As a whole it is of great value to the Capitular Masons of Canada, and much of it of great interest to the Fraternity at large.

“New Year’s greetings are the first words I wish to communicate to you, my Companions, on this the 54th anniversary of Grand Chapter. May prosperity and happiness fill the household of every member of the Royal Craft during the present year. May our hearts expand with gratitude to the Maker of all for the many blessings He permits us to enjoy.”

He refers to the dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions.

He refers to the harmony existing in the Grand Chapter in the following language:

“The past year has been particularly free from excitement. Happy is the nation, it is said, which has no history. The reports of the Grand Superintendents show gratifying harmony throughout the entire Jurisdiction. No charge has been referred to me against any Chapter or Companion. No grievances or complaints require the attention of the Committee. I have not even been called on for a ruling which was not covered by precedents, nor have I been compelled to refuse any applications for dispensations, save in the following cases”:

One of the cases was that, "the tyrant precedent" compelled him to refuse assent to Royal Arch Regalia (Clothing) being worn at a Masonic funeral, while it permitted him to consent to its being worn at a Blue Lodge social function; he fails to see the distinction, so do I; the "tyrant precedent" was certainly correct in the first instance. We, however, fail to see what the Grand High Priest has to do with the "Blue Lodge"; with us the Chapter clothing is never worn outside the Chapter hall.

The growth of Capitular Masonry in Canada has been phenomenal. For the information of our Companions, we quote the Grand Z. on the growth of the Royal Arch:

"Although the past year has been uneventful, still the reports show a wholesome growth. One of my predecessors, M. E. Companion MacPherson (1884), in reviewing the history of the Royal Craft in Canada, divided it into periods of nine years each. The Grand Chapter of Canada was established in 1857, with three Chapters. On its ninth Annual Convocation (1866), there were 24 Chapters, and a membership of 847, and an annual income of \$611.00, but in debt. On its 18th Annual Convocation (1875), it had under its control 67 Chapters, a membership of 3,102, receipts \$1791.93, and a surplus of \$4281.48. During the third period, ending with the 27th Convocation (1884), the Grand Chapter of Quebec was formed, and notwithstanding the loss in members sustained in consequence, the number of Chapters increased to eighty, the membership to 3734, annual receipts \$2542.02, and assets \$9370.90.

"To continue M. E. Companion MacPherson's idea, the fourth period, ending with the 36th Annual Convocation (1893) shows 87 Chapters, 4023 members, income \$2728.34, and assets \$20,004.10. In the fifth period, ending with the 44th Annual Convocation (1902), there were 102 Chapters, 6533 members, income \$3392.87, and a surplus of \$22,145.65. We have today, on our 54th Convocation, reached the close of the sixth period, and our reports show 157 Chapters, 15,748 members, income \$8388.29, and assets valued at \$29,665.74. The membership during the past year has increased by six Chapters and by 1027 members."

He attended three Chapters of Instruction. On each occasion the work was admirably and intelligently exemplified; he also visited fourteen Subordinate Chapters. His views on the work are as follows:

“Wherever you go you will find the work well done, and no one unless hypercritical would cavil at it. The officers are striving for the sake of their Chapter and their own individual reputations, to do the work well. I find a fair amount of uniformity wherever I have gone. At the risk of criticism, I will say that the desire for hard and for strict uniformity in the work may cause it to become too mechanical. ‘The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.’ A little discretionary power would give a Companion an opportunity to think and observe, and he would take a greater interest in the work. Great tragedians have widely differed in the interpretation of Hamlet, and have delighted and educated large audiences with their individual ideas of the melancholy Dane, and the books that have been written on that magnificent play of the immortal bard, would make a fair-sized library, and each of these books has a different viewpoint.

“From Masonry to Shakespeare may be a far cry, yet our ritual is beautiful in language and thought, and why should intelligent and enthusiastic officers with education and resource be confined to rule of thumb interpretation and allowed only ‘Hobson’s choice’?”

The language of the degrees should be the same in every Chapter in the Jurisdiction—that is uniformity. With some the work may become mechanical, but the intelligent and enthusiastic officer, with education and resource, will make the uniform work both beautiful and impressive. Here, we believe the work adopted and taught by the Grand Chapter is the only work the Subordinate Chapters should be permitted to use.

He entertains sound views on the use of Masonic Halls on Sunday.

Under the head of “Masonic Matters for Masons,” he advances ideas, which, without doubt, will meet

the hearty approval of the Fraternity in general, and certainly of our own Jurisdiction, they are as follows:

“I would discourage wearing Masonic regalia save in the Lodge or Chapter Room. As an article of personal adornment, it does not appeal to the general public. In fact, it is either a mystery or a mark for ridicule on the part of those who do not know the significance and symbolism of its every part. It should be as closely guarded from the gaze of outsiders as is our work.

“I would condemn reference to our functions in the public press, especially the use of prefixes, such as Excellent, Right Excellent, and Most Excellent.

“I would not encourage the introduction of outsiders during the period for refreshments, either for entertainment purposes or otherwise. We are a secret organization. Why should we parade or advertise? Surely not for the purpose of augmenting our numbers. That would be unmasonic. Surely not to exhibit ourselves. That would be vain. Let us be content to have the public form its opinion and pass judgment having regard to the lives we lead and the charity we dispense.”

In speaking to the Grand Superintendents, he states facts which may be of interest to some of our District Deputy Grand High Priests, who have five or six Chapters, all within a short distance from his residence, yet finds it difficult to visit them all during the year, but for the benefit of the members of our Grand Chapter, and the Companions generally, we give the language:

“The Grand Superintendents of the various districts deserve no small measure of praise for the patient and conscientious performance of their duties. I cannot enumerate them all, but will simply refer to the successful efforts of R. E. Companion R. L. Dudley, No. 20, New Ontario, in awakening a Chapter in his district that contemplated the ‘happy despatch’; the energy displayed by R. E. Companion James McCauley, Grand Superintendent of District No. 19, Saskatchewan. He during the year not only attended all the meetings of his own Chapter, but visited nine Chapters in his large and almost inaccessible district, which necessitated his traveling 2200 miles. It took him one whole week to visit three of these Chapters. The First Principal of one Chapter traveled 150 miles and the Principal Sojourner walked twenty-six miles to be present at one of these meetings.”

The conclusion of his address, we believe, is deserving of a place in our proceedings, as follows:

“We Canadians are a heterogeneous race, sprung from many nationalities, having many creeds, widely differing, many divergent views, and growing to national stature in many and various environments. It is impossible for us all either to view the common field of vision from the same standpoint, or always to arrive at the same conclusions with regard to its absorbing features, but we can be tolerant in all our differences as Masons should be, avoiding acrimony and personalities, and exercising that patience and self-control which will ensure the abiding residence with us not only during our present Convocation, but throughout the year, of that peace, harmony and good fellowship which it is the peculiar function of this noble Craft to cultivate and develop.”

The reports of the twenty Grand Superintendents are voluminous, and contain detailed reports of their visits, and work as such. They are interesting reading; in many instances work has been done which it would be impossible to have done in our Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows the receipts of the Grand Chapter from the various Subordinate Chapters, and is further a review of the same Chapters, with an occasional stirring of the Boss of the Chapter, the Secretary. Those of us who have had experience in that line appreciate his remarks, as there is nothing more annoying than an indifferent, or careless, Secretary.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of five thousand six hundred and $34/100$ dollars (\$5600.34), and the invested assets to be twenty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty-five and $74/100$ dollars (\$29,665.74).

The report of the Executive Committee on the condition of Capitular Masonry, was presented by R. E. Companion AUBREY WHITE. This review is made from the reports of the Grand Superintendents, it shows the Grand Chapter to be in flourishing condition, the work fairly accurate, and commends Schools of Instruction, remarking, however, that at the present time they are going out of fashion. Schools of Instruction are of the utmost importance, as upon them, more than anything, we must depend for uniformity in the work.

The report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address contains the following:

“The rulings of the M. E. the Grand Z. in respect to time limit of residence in the Jurisdiction being twelve months, that a Master Mason who had the misfortune to lose his right hand was ineligible as a candidate for the Chapter degrees and that a degree which had been eliminated from our system could not be conferred upon any candidate in a Chapter of this Jurisdiction, are such as will commend themselves to this Grand Chapter.”

This will meet approval in our Jurisdiction.

A request for recognition was presented by the recently established Grand Chapter of Utah, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with directions to report at this meeting. The report is as follows:

“Your Committee has had presented to it for consideration a letter from the recently formed Grand Chapter of Utah, requesting the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada and an exchange of representatives. Your Committee has had no time to enquire into the conditions under which this Grand Chapter was organized, and as its establishment presents features which require more than passing attention your Committee would respect-

fully request that the matter be deferred until next Annual Convocation, so that due inquiry may be prosecuted in the interval and an intelligent report be presented then to this Grand body.”

Amendments to the Constitution in reference to proxy vote in Grand Chapter, Division of Districts, and duties of Grand Superintendents, were presented.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was again presented by the Chairman, R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT. We must congratulate this distinguished Companion upon this report, it ranks high, it is able, humorous and Masonic of the true type. Pennsylvania is given a six page review, which includes the letter of Companion WILLIAM J. HUGHAN to Grand Secretary, Companion CHARLES CARY; he also quotes from the report of the Committee on Correspondence of 1910, in reference to our position in the attempt to Modernize Masonry. We still adhere to these ideas, and believe the future of Masonry, both Symbolic and Capitular (which is all there is of ancient Masonry), depends, in a great measure, upon the strict adherence to the ancient customs, usages and landmarks. Every attempt to modernize must be frowned upon.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion FRED W. HARCOURT (re-elected), Grand Z.; R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT (re-elected), Grand Scribe E.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado held two Grand Communications during the year.

A Special Communication of the M. E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, was held in the Masonic Hall, in Del Norte, on Saturday evening, October 14, 1911. M. E. Companion JOHN Q. McDONALD, Grand High Priest, and Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Grand Secretary of the Elective Officers; and Companion MARSHALL VAN FLEET, Grand Master of the First Vail of the Appointed Officers, were present. The remaining Grand Officers being named by the Grand High Priest. Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. The purpose of the meeting being for the Constitution of Del Norte R. A. Chapter No. 43. The new Chapter was then Constituted and dedicated, and the officers regularly installed. Addresses were delivered by the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in Masonic Temple, Denver, on Thursday, September 19, 1912. The Grand High Priest being absent, Grand Chapter was opened by R. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP, Deputy Grand High Priest, the other officers in the respective stations and places. Fifteen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of forty-two Subordinate Chapters were also present.

The roll of the deceased Grand High Priests was called by the Grand Secretary, the Grand High Priest responding as each name was called, with the date of his death.

The Grand Representatives present were introduced and welcomed by the Grand High Priest; Companion JOHN H. GABRIEL, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts responded on behalf of the Grand Representatives as follows:

“For myself and on behalf of my Companions here associated with me, we desire to express our appreciation of your very courteous and cordial welcome to your midst. We bear to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and to your Grand Chapter a most cordial greeting from our various Jurisdictions and we say to you that the Grand Chapters that we represent are in most hearty accord and sympathy with the kindly sentiments so beautifully expressed by you. Throughout the domains of these Jurisdictions, peace and harmony prevail. Harmony is the key-note and into the secret retreats of the various Royal Arch bodies comes the wanderer over the face of the earth for rest and hope and encouragement. Here Brotherly Love prevails; here the strong hand of friendship and courage and hope is extended! To this secret retreat comes each and every one of us for renewed strength and renewed courage to assist us in the daily tasks that we are called upon to perform, and we here receive that strength, that support and that encouragement to go out and battle with the trials of this life. We say to you that throughout the domain of Royal Craft Masonry this spirit is prevalent and we bring to you the expression of that condition and say to you that it will be indeed a pleasure to us to convey to our respective Jurisdictions the kindly sentiments expressed by you. We will remain with you and participate in your proceedings and we ask that you will command us to assist you in any labor that you may perform.”

Grand High Priest JOHN A. McDONALD installed on December 21, 1911, removed from the Jurisdiction in January, 1912, the duties of the office thereafter devolving upon the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP, hence we have

two addresses, the Grand High Priest rendering an account of his stewardship until his removal from the Jurisdiction, when the Deputy Grand High Priest follows with a review of his actions; both addresses refer mainly to the affairs of the Grand Chapter, hence are not of much interest to Capitular Masonry in general.

One decision was made by the Acting Grand High Priest, that the High Priest has power to suspend from office an officer of his Chapter (the officer being the Secretary) for neglect of duty, pending preferring of charges. This appears to be good Masonic law. I believe the interests of the Chapter would have been better served, had the Grand High Priest removed the Secretary from office.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be nine thousand two hundred seventy-three and 30/100 dollars (\$9273.30). This is a considerable increase over last year.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership, July 31, 1912, to be four thousand seven hundred seventy nine (4779), an increase of three hundred and sixty-nine (369) over last year.

Before closing the Grand Chapter the newly installed Grand High Priest addressed Grand Chapter, promising to make good, and urged the officers to attend the Chapters in the vicinity and give him all the assistance in their power.

The Committee on Correspondence reported in favor of recognizing the Grand Chapter of Utah, and the exchange of Representatives. They also presented, through their Chairman, M. E. Companion ERNEST LE NEVE FOSTER, their annual report on Correspondence. Pennsylvania is treated very fairly. On the question of Masonic Homes, we incline to the belief that our Brothers will be better cared for in a Masonic Home than elsewhere, strict business methods, running with detail might accurately determine the expense in carrying on Masonic Homes, but it is not likely it will be done.

We are glad our good Companions incline to Pennsylvania ideas on physical qualifications. In commenting on Companion CORE's review of New Hampshire, he says: "Whilst personally we are inclined to be liberal to the advancement of Master Masons who have, by misfortune, been deprived of some joint, or part of a limb, we are not sure but that strict adherence to the old custom will be best."

A picture of the present Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP, with a sketch of his life, makes an introduction to the proceedings.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion FRANK L. BISHOP, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut held their One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, on Tuesday, May 14, 1912, at ten o'clock A. M.

In the absence of the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter was opened by R. E., W. JEROME BISSELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, as Grand High Priest. All Grand Chapter Officers, except Grand High Priest, were present; also eighteen Past Grand High Priests, and the Representatives of thirty-eight Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of M. E. HENRY D. HAMILTON, General Grand Master of the First Vail, of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; M. E. MATTHIAS F. HEMINGWAY, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York; R. E. ELIAS WHITNEY, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, near New York; R. E. JAMES CHAMBERS, Grand Representative of the General Grand Chapter of Connecticut, near New York, and R. E. CHARLES H. PRESTON, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. They were introduced, received with Grand Honors, and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The address of the Grand High Priest is short and business like.

He made but one official visit. Plans which were made for the interest of the Grand Chapter had to be abandoned; another illustration of the truthfulness of "Burns," when he says:

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Gang aft a-gley."

He refers to the loss their Grand Chapter has sustained in the death of Excellent Companion EUGENE C. ADT, Grand Master of the Third Vail; also the death of Most Excellent Companion SAMUEL BASSETT, 1892, and EDGAR W. LATHAM, 1902, both of whom stood high in Masonic and civic affiliations.

The reports of R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe show that they have visited a large majority of the Subordinate Chapters, were cordially welcomed, found them in good condition, and doing the work according to the standard ritual.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of four thousand six and 99/100 dollars (\$4006.99).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be eight thousand nine hundred and seven (8907), an increase during the year of two hundred eighty-eight (288).

The Grand Chapter endorsed the Harrison bill, giving the Secretary of War permission to have inscribed on the monuments, tombstones, slabs or

markers, in National cemeteries, the emblems or insignia of the fraternal or other secret societies, of which the deceased person was a member at the time of his death; also respectfully urged their Representatives in Congress to vote for it.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was again prepared by Past Grand High Priest GEORGE A. KIES. The report is an able one, and deserving of careful consideration. Pennsylvania is accorded courteous treatment. We are reminded of our adherence to ancient tradition and teachings, and our protest against any attempt to modernize Masonry. We feel proud of our position on this question.

We certainly hold that passing to the Chair (elsewhere the P. M. Degree) is part and parcel of Symbolic Masonry, it always has been so with us, and it always will be so. Our Chapters cannot, and dare not, receive a petition for the Capitular degrees, unless the applicant has regularly Passed the Chair, either by election or dispensation.

The proceedings contain an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion GEORGE R. MORRIS.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion W. JEROME BISSELL, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JAMES McCORMICK (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

A Special Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware, was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, on Monday, March 20, 1911.

Grand Chapter was opened at four o'clock twenty-five minutes P. M. by M. E. Grand High Priest ALBERT F. POLK. All the Grand Officers were present; also nine Past Grand High Priests and a large number of other Past Grand Officers, including Deputy Grand High Priest, etc., and Representatives of all the Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction. A large number of distinguished visitors were present, including M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the following from our own Jurisdiction: M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Past Grand High Priest, and Companion JOSEPH E. QUIMBY, Grand Marshal.

The object of the Special Convocation was to receive and welcome the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY. Past Grand High Priest A. HENRY BERLIN, as Grand Marshal, first introduced M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, our own Grand High Priest; next came M. E. Companion GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,

Past Grand High Priest; then came the distinguished guest of the evening, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY.

They were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALBERT F. POLK.

The General Grand High Priest responded to the welcome in an able address, in which he eulogizes the General Grand Chapter and Capitular Masonry, also pays a tribute to the Masonic Home in Connecticut.

M. E. Companion A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, Grand High Priest, responded on behalf of our own Jurisdiction in a very able address, taking occasion to present history of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania, as follows:

“I might attempt to entertain you by telling you something of the age of the Jurisdiction over which I have the honor of presiding; I might interest you by telling you that Royal Arch Masonry began in Pennsylvania, being brought there from England. I might tell you also that Thomas Smith Webb, who is recognized by some authorities as the father of Free Masonry, received his Royal Arch Degree in Philadelphia, then went to Albany, New York, and amplified it some. We feel in Pennsylvania that we have the work just as it was brought to us, because of the fact that in the early history of the Grand Chapter of this Royal body we first introduced it and communicated it, and so it has been brought down as Masonry should be, brought down by word of mouth, not by any law.”

M. E. Companion, Past Grand High Priest GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., also responded in an able address, all of which is interesting reading. We think portions of it should be incorporated in our proceedings.

“Now, Companions, it is an inspiration to stand here and look over this assemblage as you are here today. It only goes to show the interest that we all have in Free Masonry. Now, what is there in Free Masonry that makes it so attractive to the old as well as the young; it is the warm hand of Love. Fraternity, Fidelity, Philanthropy and Charity are not mere high sounding words, but these principles of our fraternity are religiously observed. If it were not for our fraternity, if it were not for that Brotherly Love existing through Masonry, the world would not be improved by that title. It is that which prompts us to be honest and Christian gentlemen. Companions, ours is the greatest fraternity on the face of the globe, and there is behind us in this Fraternity all that man can give to man.”

He also touched upon Masonic Homes, a subject dear to his heart.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, on January 17, 1912.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by M. E. Companion ALBERT F. POLK, Grand High Priest. All elective, and a majority of appointed officers, were present; also a large number of Past Grand Officers. The Representatives of the four Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction, thirty-three Grand Representatives. Pennsylvania's Representative was not among the number.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a complete review of his actions during the year.

In enumerating the dead of his own and sister Jurisdictions, they again followed what has become a custom with them—the beautiful hymn, “One

Sweetly Solemn Thought," was sung, after which a fervent prayer was offered by Rev. JOSEPH R. PECKHAM, a member Keystone R. A. Chapter No. 27, Meriden, Connecticut—after which they proceeded with the temporal affairs of the Grand Chapter.

He was fortunate in not being called upon to make a decision, which speaks well for the Companions of Delaware.

He made official visits to the four Chapters of his Jurisdiction. In his Visitations he was cordially received, and speaks in glowing terms of the work of the several Chapters. He was greatly gratified at the growing Fraternal spirit among the several Chapters.

He commends the Masonic Home of Delaware to the kindly consideration of the Companions of the Jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance in his hands of two hundred forty-six and 85/100 dollars (\$246.85).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a balance in his hands of eight hundred seventeen and 50/100 dollars (\$817.50).

The report of the Committee on Finance shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be fifteen hundred eighteen and 60/100 dollars (\$1518.60).

From returns of Subordinate Chapters the present membership is shown to be eleven hundred and forty-one (1141), a gain of eighty-two (82) during the year.

The Committee on Work report that the work of the Jurisdiction is better than ever before; the officers are to be congratulated on their proficiency.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by the Chairman, Past Grand High Priest VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON; it is an able report. We get a review of two pages.

He quotes Past Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM on the subject of electioneering, without comment. Electioneering is very obnoxious to the Fraternity generally, it cannot be too severely condemned, but it is a difficult proposition to handle. The only thing that can be done is to appeal to the Masonic honor of the Companions.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion ALBERT F. POLK, is published with the proceedings.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion SAMUEL H. BENSON, JR., Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion JAMES H. PRICE (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of District of Columbia held their Forty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, on February 14, 1912.

M. E. Grand High Priest Companion MOSES D. MULL opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*; prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain. All the elected and appointed Grand Officers were present; also seventeen Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of the twelve Subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.

M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CARSEN, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, representing the General Grand High Priest, and M. W. Brother BEN W. MURCH, were received and heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest presented his address. We give his introduction:

“COMPANIONS:—The twelve zodiacal signs have made their yearly round, and we are again assembled in annual convocation to review the work of the year that has passed and determine what action shall be taken to promote the welfare of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

“Since the formation of this Grand Chapter, in 1867, its history has been a record of peace, of brilliant achievement, and of rapidly growing prosperity.

“Numerically, we have met with a loss in membership during the year just closed; but with the peace, harmony, and good fellowship that prevail in our constituent Chapters, we believe that they have grown in zeal and true Masonic spirit, in brotherly love and charity, and in everything that makes for the best interests of Capitular Masonry, to more than compensate for any diminution in numbers.”

He names the dead of his own Jurisdiction, and speaks as follows:

“The devotion of these deceased Companions to the interests of Capitalar Masonry hallows their memories; and their laudable efforts springing from the fruitful source of wise endeavor, will fructify the earth, from which will rise a blooming harvest of happy results to mankind.

“Why weep ye then for them, who having won
The bound of man’s appointed years, at last,
Life’s blessings all enjoyed, life’s labors done,
Serenely to their final rest have passed;
While the soft memory of their virtues yet
Linger, like twilight hues, when the bright sun is set.”

He also refers to the dead of other Jurisdictions.

He granted four Dispensations, one to install the High Priest, one waiving the statutory residence period, one to transact business at a special meeting, owing to the stated meeting occurring on Christmas (incline to the belief that it had better gone over, it is a bad precedent to establish), and last, authorizing the High Priest of Chapter No. 5 to confer the Royal Arch Degrees in and for Mount Vernon No. 14 of Alexandria, Virginia. This is rather unusual, but met the approval of the Grand High Priests of both Jurisdictions. Who, then, has any right to complain?

He commissioned three Grand Representatives and, on his recommendation, three Representatives were named near his Grand Chapter.

He met the requirements of the Grand Chapter by making Grand Visitations to each of the Subordinate Chapters; he also visited all the Chapters in-

formally; he was, on all occasions courteously and fraternally received, and in all of them he witnessed the conferring of the degrees, done with great accuracy. He certainly was gratified. The Grand Visitor and Lecturer was also present at all meetings and to his efforts he attributes the high standard attained in their ritualistic work.

He made no decisions; no questions were asked, hence no reply could be made. He gives the High Priests' Association credit for this condition. In their meeting, questions, which might have required a decision, were gone over and satisfactorily settled. The High Priests' Association is certainly of great value to the Jurisdiction, and if I were a resident of the District of Columbia, I would certainly become a member of the organization, and I hope that every Past High Priest of the Jurisdiction is not only a member, but also an attendant at the meetings.

He was notified that the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, would pay an official visitation to the Jurisdiction, accordingly arranged for a special meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3, where the General Grand High Priest was received, and a reception was held for him, after which the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in an impressive manner.

He recommended that the General Grand Chapter be requested to hold their Triennial Convocation in

1915, in Washington. The recommendation was reported favorably by the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address, and approved by the Grand Chapter.

Upon the joint invitation of Illustrious Brother JAMES DANIEL RICHARDSON, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction, and the Most Worshipful J. CLAUDE KEIPER, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, the Grand Chapter Officers attended the laying of the corner-stone of the New Scottish Rite Temple. The corner-stone was laid by the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia.

He again refers to the Masonic Home, their donation to the building fund, amounting to eight hundred seventy-nine and 50/100 dollars (\$879.50), was paid over to the Directors of the Home. He urges its claims and concludes as follows:

“While the Home is small, yet it is said to compare favorably in every way with larger institutions of the same kind, and it is in every way worthy of the kindly consideration which this Grand Chapter has given it by contributing annually for a term of years a substantial amount to its building fund.

“The needs of the Home are ever before us, and I trust that each Companion will make them a matter of his own personal concern.”

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of three thousand six hundred seventy-five and 44/100 dollars (\$3675.44). The Trustees' report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be

four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$4350).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership of the Grand Chapter to be three thousand five hundred and thirty (3530), a loss in membership, during the year, of fifty-two (52). Don't be discouraged, hard times come in Masonry as well as in all other business, but the day will soon be bright, and in addition the loss in membership may have been made up in the character of those received.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ROE FULKERSON. It is a good report, carefully prepared. We get a two page review. Guess he is correct about the use of the name of the Grand Secretary ARVINE W. JOHNSTON in report of 1910; unfortunately the penmanship of the writer is about as hard to read as Chinese, the typewriter not being able to read Chinese, hence got the name "Arne" instead of "Arvine," didn't notice the error in proof reading, but it will not occur again.

Portraits of the Grand High Priest, MOSES D. MULL, and Past High Priests JOHN LOCKIE and JOSEPH DANIELS, adorn the proceedings.

The following officers were elected and installed: M. E. Companion JACOBUS S. JONES, Grand High Priest; R. E. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON (re-elected), Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

The proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, for the three Quarterly Convocations, namely, February 7, May 1, and August 7, 1912, were received by the Committee.

The Convocation of February 7th was presided over by M. E. Companion, Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, Grand H. as Grand Z., other Grand Officers in their respective Stations and Places, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ancient and Solemn Form*. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed.

Before proceeding to the regular business, the acting Grand Z. announced the death of Companion FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Director of Ceremonies; he eulogized his character both as a man and Mason. E. Companion Col. R. TOWNLEY CALDWELL, Grand J., also eulogized this distinguished Companion.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes was presented by the Chairman, E. Companion R. HORTON HORTON-SMITH, K. C., it is needless to say that it was adopted without a dissenting voice; it embraced all the business that came before the Grand Chapter. From the report we learn that they are awakening to the importance of new Chapters having officers qualified for their positions, as is indicated by the following:

“The last paragraph in the report refers to a resolution passed by the Committee: but I do not propose to ask that so drastic a rule should be

confirmed. The resolution is an exemplification of the legal adage that 'Hard cases make bad law.' It had its origin in difficulties experienced at a Consecration, at which one of our members was assisting, in filling at short notice the subordinate Principals' chairs.

"The duty of the Committee in dealing with the applications for new Chapters has two sides:—On the one hand they have to see that their entrance is not made too easy: on the other, that it is not made too difficult. In the first case, they have to guard against an undue increase of new Chapters promoted by young Masons, who might better have joined older and established Chapters, whose usefulness and financial stability were more fully assured, and to whom the addition of new members might have been of advantage. In the second case, the Committee have to recollect the difficulties, which such a resolution as that which the Committee have actually passed, might impose occasionally upon communities at home, more frequently upon those in India and in the Colonies, in their endeavors to form new Chapters. Under these circumstances, being convinced that the Committee's resolution as it stands is unfeasible, I had prepared for confirmation by this Convocation what I conceive to be a more acceptable form of words. But after consultation with the Grand Registrar I think that the better course to take will be to move, and I accordingly do move, that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report."

E. Comp. CHAS. F. QUICKE (P. A. G. D. C.): "Most Excellent and Companions, in supporting the motion of the President of the Committee of General Purposes to refer back this resolution to the Committee, I should like to say that our chief point of complaint is this: that in the formation of new Chapters there is frequently found a tendency for the Founders to designate as Principals Companions who have only had a very short experience of Royal Arch Masonry. In fact, we had a case brought to our notice of a Companion who had only been exalted a few months and who, as a petitioner for a new Chapter, was designated as the first M. E. Z. In my humble judgment it is such things as this that tend to make this Supreme Degree unpopular, and although the resolution of the Committee, which was really only for their own guidance, may be too restrictive, it seems to me quite necessary that something should be done to remedy the evil complained of, as well as to encourage Companions to learn and to do their work in the various offices of the Chapter. It is not always because there are no qualified Companions amongst the petitioners for a new Chapter that this trouble arises, but those who are Past Principals too often stand aside in order to allow junior members to take up positions for which they have little or no qualification. It is almost impossible for any Companion to become qualified to conduct the affairs of a Chapter as First Principal without long experience and close study. While I am sure in taking back

the resolution to the Committee the President is adopting the proper course, still I am sanguine in believing this discussion will have a beneficial effect when the question is again considered.”

The Quarterly Convocation of May 1, 1912, was presided over by M. E. Companion, Rt. Hon. LORD AMPTHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., pro Grand Z., the other Grand Officers in their respective station and classes.

The meeting was confined to routine business, principally the adoption of the Committee of General Purposes, and the resolutions therein contained.

The question of qualifications of officers of new Chapters was disposed of as follows:

“That in order to promote as far as possible the efficient working of new Chapters, it is highly desirable that the Companions designated for the Principal Chairs shall be fully qualified by previous service in the respective offices.”

The Quarterly Convocation of August 7, 1912, was presided over by M. E. Companion Rt. Hon. LORD AMPTHILL, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., pro Grand Z., with a full corps of Grand Officers.

The Committee of General Purposes made their report, embracing the financial condition of the Grand Chapter. Five applications for new Chapters and memorials from three Chapters for permission to change their place of meeting, all of which were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The receipts of the Grand Chapter from April 1, 1911, to March 31, 1912, £2,075-5-0.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Communications of September 5, and December 5, 1911, and March 5, and June 4, 1912, of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, have been received.

The Communications were held in Mark Masons Hall, Great Queen Street, London.

The Communication of September 5, 1911, was presided over by R. W. the EARL OF STRADBROKE, Deputy Grand Master, on the Throne, and R. W. CHARLES F. MATIER, P. G. W., Grand Secretary, with the other Grand Officers in their respective stations and places.

Grand Lodge was opened in *Due Form*. Minutes of Quarterly Communication, June 6th, were read and confirmed.

The report of the General Board was distributed among the members, when, on motion, it was taken as read, after which the report was received and entered upon the minutes.

The Forty-third Annual Festival for the Fund of Benevolence was held at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on July 5, 1911. The Festival was under control of R. W. Brother, Colonel the Hon. GEORGE E. HENEAGE, Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire, as President; the sum of £2284 was paid and

promised. The President and Board of Stewards were congratulated on the success of the Festival.

The report of the General Board was approved.

There being no further business, Grand Lodge was closed in *Due Form*.

The Quarterly Communications of December 5, 1911, March 5, and June 4, 1912, were presided over by R. W. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, K. C., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and Isle of Wight, as Grand Master, on the Throne, and R. W. CHARLES F. MATIER, P. G. W., Grand Secretary, with the required Grand and Subordinate Officers in their respective stations and places.

At the Quarterly Communication December 5, 1911, W. Brother, Alderman ERNEST E. COOPER, P. M., nominated his Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the ensuing year.

V. W. F. C. VAN DUZER, Past Grand Treasurer, nominated W. Brother, Sheriff GEORGE BRIGGS, for Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The report of the General Board was approved. It contained much of importance to the Grand Lodge, notably in reference to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as follows:

“During the absence of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in Canada, where he is filling the most important position of Governor Gen-

eral, the Mark Degree will be ruled by the M. W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, whose health, the Board has very great pleasure in saying, has so improved that assurances are given us that ere long we may expect him once more to take his place among us. The Board feels sure this will be most welcome tidings to every member of Grand Lodge.''

Nothing further being offered, Grand Lodge closed in *Due Form*.

At the Quarterly Communication of March 5, 1912, the Grand Master announced the serious illness of the Pro. Grand Master, EARL OF EUSTON, and proposed that a Minute of the same be made, which was seconded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote. He also announced the death of the Grand Treasurer, Brother HERBERT JORDAN ADAMS.

W. Brother, Alderman ERNEST E. COOPER, P. M., who, at the Quarterly Communication of December 5, 1911, placed in nomination H. R. H., the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, for re-election as Most Worshipful Grand Master, proposed his election, the proposition was seconded by W. Brother, Sheriff GEORGE BRIGGS, and carried unanimously.

The re-election was proclaimed by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

W. Brother, Sheriff GEORGE BRIGGS, who was nominated at the Quarterly Communication for Grand Treasurer, was elected.

The report of the General Board was adopted, and the Grand Lodge closed in *Form*.

At the Quarterly Communication held June 4, 1912, the Grand Master announced the death of the Pro. Grand Master, M. W. Brother, the EARL OF EUSTON, who died on May 10, 1912, paying a beautiful tribute to his memory. For almost a quarter of a century he served with distinguished honor as Pro. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The Grand Master also announced the death of the Most Noble, the MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, who for many years served as Deputy Grand Master, as Pro. Grand Master for some time, and from 1886 to the time of his death as Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire.

The following is from the report of General Board in reference to the distinguished dead, mentioned by the Grand Master:

“The Board has to record with the most profound regret the death of the Pro. Grand Master, the

M. W. BRO. THE EARL OF EUSTON,

who passed peacefully away on Friday, the 10th May, after a tedious and continued illness. His long and arduous services to Grand Lodge, for nearly a quarter of a century, have left their mark upon its history, and no little portion of the success and prosperity of the Mark Degree is due to the energy and skill with which he guided its deliberations. Devoted to Freemasonry in every aspect, he was ever assiduous in the cause of Charity, and the poor and needy, the widow and the orphan, will unite with us in mourning his loss.

“Those who, for many years, have been associated almost daily with the departed Pro. Grand Master will never cease to remember his kind and genial presence, and his broad and politic view of all matters submitted to him, and will never forget they have lost one who was a firm friend, a faithful brother Mason, and a true Gentleman.

“The Board has also to record, with unfeigned sorrow the death of the

M. W. BRO. THE MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, P. G. M.,

who occupied the distinguished positions of Deputy Grand Master 1887-90, and Pro. Grand Master 1890-93, and Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire 1886 to the time of his lamented death, which occurred on 23rd March, 1912, sincerely regretted by all.”

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then proclaimed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. R. H., the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, as installed for the ensuing year.

The Right Honorable GEORGE EDWARD JOHN MOWBRAY, EARL OF STRADBROKE, etc., was proclaimed as appointed and installed as Deputy Grand Master. Then followed the announcements of the Grand Master, and the election of the General Board.

Grand Lodge closed in *Form*.

The Educational Board of the Benevolent Fund shows list of pupils, twelve boys and three girls. The Annuity Branch shows in their charge eight males and fourteen widows.

The disbursements of the General Board for Charity, amounted to £595.

The annual receipts for dues, registration fees, warrants and all other purposes, amounted to £3883-3-6, which, with the balance on hand, makes a total of £6893-18-11. The expenditures were £2990-17-1, leaving a balance on hand of £3903-1-10.

The business to be acted upon by the Grand Lodge is prepared with care by the General Board, properly presented, and always meets with hearty approval by the Grand Lodge.

The rolls show five hundred and sixty-six (566) Lodges, Subordinate to the Grand Lodge, scattered throughout England and Wales, the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple in the city of Jacksonville, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday May 21, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

For those that may be interested, we note that LOUIS C. MASSEY, the Grand Representative of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida, was present at this Convocation.

M. E. Companion FRANK B. STONEMAN, Grand High Priest, presented his address. After a graceful opening, introducing the "friendly eye" and "brotherly hand" motif, we are told that

"The year has been one of quiet work, with an advance in membership, but with no important questions arising between the Companions of this Jurisdiction that has in the least marred the peace of the fraternity. We

have dwelt in peace among ourselves and with all our sister Jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal relations. For this and all other blessings, for which we are so much indebted, let us give devout and heartfelt thanks to the great I Am, the giver of all good things.

“While we rejoice in the prosperity of our fraternity, and in the prosperity and well-being of all members of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction, let us not fail to remember those who have, during the year, been called into that land where our fathers have gone before us.”

for as he aptly says:

“Masonry has always taken care that the name and the fame of her heroes be preserved.”

He is not satisfied that the way of reaching the Subordinate Chapters in vogue in Florida is the best way. He says:

“I am convinced from my experience of four years that our system of dividing the State into four districts, assigning one to each member of the council, is an expensive and inefficient way of Chapter supervision. In the thickly settled portions of the State the system may work excellently, but for the most part the Chapters are situated long distances apart, and it is almost impossible for even the most energetic officer to get to every Chapter. The division of the State, as made for this year, and it was the best that I could devise, assigned to the Grand High Priest a territory 516 miles long, in which there are eight Chapters. Inevitably, the attempt to reach these Chapters, from any point, involves a very large expense.

“Chapters ought to be visited regularly by some Grand Officer. The effect of an official visitation, in my judgment, is always good; but some means should be adopted that will not take up so much of the time of the official making the trip and which will not bear so heavily in the way of expense on the individual Chapters.”

Why not try Pennsylvania's plan of D. D. Grand High Priests? Florida has thirty Chapters, with a membership of two thousand and three. Pennsylvania has one hundred and thirty-four Chapters, reached by twenty-three District Deputies.

Chapters do not have to get dispensations to "ballot short of time," in Florida. Decision No. 1 says:

"1. On October sixth, 1911, I received a telegram from the Secretary of Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, at Pensacola asking for a dispensation to ballot short of time. My reply was that the matter was within the discretion of the Chapter."

It was decided "that there was no authority for using Chapter funds for the purpose" of building a fence around a cemetery. The decision was reached in spite of the fact that the M. E. Grand High Priest was "in sympathy with every movement looking toward the care of the places of burial of the dead."

It is told of Jay Gould, who was once asked to contribute money for the purpose of putting a wall around the burial ground of his home town, that his reply refusing to contribute was based on two very good reasons, "that no one wanted to get in and those in couldn't get out."

We regret to note that one Chapter (Jasper No. 10) surrendered its charter.

The Grand High Priest's address is gracefully concluded as follows:

"This, Companions, is the record of the work of the past year. I would be extremely remiss in my full duty if I were to omit the expression of my gratitude to those distinguished Masons, my fellow Grand Officers, who have given so liberally of their time and their talents for the transaction of the business of the Grand Chapter. Their loyalty and courtesy to the Grand High Priest, during his term of office, has been one of my chief pleasures of this past year and will linger in my memory as one of the principal rewards of the high office.

"Especially am I indebted to the Grand Secretary, who is a sure rock of safety to any Grand High Priest, and who during the past year has mater-

ially lessened the burdens of the office by his promptness and thorough efficiency.

“I give you back your trust, my Companions, with the hope that no act of mine, either of omission or commission, has derogated from the dignity or the usefulness of this splendid office. I trust that what little I have been able to accomplish will have been for the lasting benefit of the Royal Craft, and in laying down the office of Grand High Priest, I gladly resume my place among the Companions from whom I have, at all times, received so much courtesy and honors.”

R. E. Companion WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Secretary, presents a concise report, in which among other things he says:

“In my opinion the time has now come when we should at least furnish blank petitions for the degrees and possibly demits. It would entail but little expense upon the Grand Chapter and I feel that we are abundantly able to do so.”

Our own Jurisdiction would be benefited in the matter of uniformity of blanks if the Grand Chapter would furnish monthly return blanks. It would simplify filing and reference.

There is no report on Correspondence.

ROBERT McCLELLAN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Thirty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America convened at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, begin-

ning on Wednesday, September 11th, Anno Inventionis, 2442, Anno Domini, 1912, at ten o'clock A. M.

The Representatives of the Constitutional number of Grand Chapters being present, and the Officers of the General Grand Chapter in their several stations, the General Grand High Priest, after the observance of the customary ceremonial, proclaimed the Thirty-fifth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, duly opened, and in *Ample Form*.

The General Grand High Priest announced that distinguished visitors were in waiting to visit the General Grand Chapter, in the persons of Most Eminent Sir WILLIAM BROMWELL MELISH, Grand Master and Most Eminent Sir GEORGE M. MOULTON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America. An escort was formed and Most Excellent Past General Grand High Priests JAMES W. TAYLOR, ARTHUR G. POLLARD and JOSEPH E. DYAS were appointed to wait upon the distinguished visitors and introduce them into the General Grand Chapter.

Companion NATHAN KINGSLEY, General Grand High Priest, addressed the General Grand Chapter and opened as follows:

“COMPANIONS:—After an interval of nearly three years we have met again at this our Thirty-fifth Triennial Convocation to perform such duties as may be deemed wise and expedient for promoting and perpetuating the principles of our Order. As members of this body, I most cordially and fraternally extend to you my personal and official greetings. I hope in the

interval since we last met you have all been generously dealt with, and that you and yours have participated in the general growth and prosperity of our common country.”

We clip the following to show how almost insurmountable difficulties may be overcome in order to extend the Capitular field:

“There being no present or past High Priest of a Chapter or other person qualified to receive a commission to institute Fairbanks Chapter No. 1, of Alaska, residing in or near that city, a question similar to the one in regard to Island Chapter No. 1, was presented. The distance to be traveled, and the great length of time required to send a duly qualified proxy to that remote city, and the expense necessary to be incurred therefor made the question one of extreme difficulty. On my visit to Seattle in April, 1910, I was fortunate enough to find a Past High Priest of one of the Chapters in that city, namely, Excellent Companion Frank G. H. Baker, who on account of ill health was planning for a summer vacation. He readily consented to accept a commission as my proxy to go to Fairbanks, institute the Chapter and install its officers without pay other than his actual expenses. Accordingly a commission was issued to Companion Baker and the charter for that Chapter was entrusted to him with instructions for the institution thereof. Companion Baker went to Fairbanks, where, on August 2, 1910, Fairbanks Chapter No. 1, of Alaska Territory was duly constituted and its officers installed. A statement of his expenses has not been furnished to me, which from a letter received from the High Priest of Fairbanks Chapter No. 1, I infer were not very great. Such expenses were, however, paid by Fairbanks Chapter No. 1, and if a statement thereof is presented to the General Grand Chapter, I recommend an appropriation sufficient to reimburse that Chapter therefor.”

We can learn something from the following:

“All the States in the Union now have duly organized and constituted Grand Chapters. These Grand Chapters, with the exception of Virginia and Pennsylvania, are constituent members of this body. Texas, however, does not send representatives, but is a member and is so carried on our rolls.”

The High Priest of Luzon Chapter No. 1, at Manila, writes the M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States,

stating that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, through its immediate representative in Hong Kong, China, has issued a charter for the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter in Manila, Philippine Islands, under its Jurisdiction and asks:

“Does the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U. S. A. consider the Philippine Islands as open territory so that Grand Royal Arch Chapters of other nations may charter Chapters in the Islands, or are the Philippine Islands considered as under the exclusive jurisdiction of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America? If decision is made in favor of the latter, it would appear that any effort made by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland to charter a Chapter in the Philippine Islands would be an encroachment on the territory under the exclusive jurisdiction of a friendly Grand Royal Arch Body, and an act subject to investigation by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the U. S. A.”

and he goes on to say:

“This is a matter of extreme importance to Capitular Masonry in these Islands, and it is earnestly requested that prompt decision be made and that Luzon Chapter be advised accordingly. If not asking too much, we would request that you send us the following cable, ‘Irregular’ in case you decide that this proposed Scottish Royal Arch Chapter is irregular.”

And the following was the response:

“On the same date, in response to the request therein, I cabled my answer ‘Irregular.’”

Subsequently he wrote and we quote in part:

“It has been the claim of the General Grand Chapter since its organization in 1797, that it has exclusive jurisdiction to grant charters for the formation of Chapters in any State or Territory of the United States in which there exists no Grand Chapter, and this claim was officially affirmed in 1877.”

The General Grand High Priest recommended that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We quote the conclusion as embodying many good thoughts:

“I have given you a résumé, in accordance with a time-honored custom, of my doings as General Grand High Priest. At the time you elected me to that office I extended in a feeble way my thanks for the very great honor you then did me; it was the crowning honor of my Masonic life. Hereafter I shall be among you and among all my Masonic friends and acquaintances without ambition and without pride, except an ambition to deal honorably and justly with my fellow men and the pride of having been honored by them.

“I now more fully than when I assumed the gavel three years ago understand the responsibilities of this great office. There have been many times when I might have caused much harm to be done, if I had done things which appeared appropriate enough to do at the time, but which would have been injudicious, as subsequent events have shown. It has been necessary for me in the performance of my duty to speak somewhat plainly at times for the general good of Royal Arch Masonry and perhaps in doing this I have unconsciously given offense where none was intended. What I have done has been what I believed to be for the general good of our Order. Many times what I have not done, I have refrained from doing because I did not believe it would be for the general good of the Order. My work, such as it has been, as General Grand High Priest, is now finished. And as I leave it, I do so in the hope that God will give my successors wisdom to improve upon it to the end that peace, harmony and prosperity shall attend our councils both now and in the years to come.”

The following invitation to the General Grand Chapter to hold its Triennial Convocation in San Francisco is of interest:

“The Congress of the United States, with the approval of the President, has selected San Francisco as the place for celebrating the World’s greatest physical achievement—the completion of the Panama Canal. Here, in 1915, the Nations of the World will assemble, not merely representing their most important, valuable and interesting productions, but in a series of Congresses which are intended to be the most important the world has ever known. These are intended to bring here the most noted thinkers and publicists of the world, men of all nations of broadest intellectual grasp of world affairs.

“It is, therefore, a matter of unusual consequence that the important Convention to be held that year by your body should choose San Francisco

as its meeting place. We have delegated Mr. Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, of Redwood City, to appear before your convention at Indianapolis, as the representative of the President of the Panama-Pacific Universal Exposition, to extend in his name to the members of your Convention, an invitation on behalf of the Exposition.”

And the following extract from the report of the Committee on Time and Place of next Triennial Convocation shows the result:

“Your Committee on Time and Place for the Next Meeting of the General Grand Chapter respectfully recommend that the invitation extended by the Grand Jurisdiction of California to hold the next Triennial Convocation in the City of San Francisco be accepted, and the date of meeting be determined by the incoming Grand Council.”

“NOTE.—Since the close of the Convocation the Grand Council has selected and hereby announces the first Wednesday in September, same being September 1, 1915, as the date for opening the Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation in San Francisco, California.”

The General Grand Chapter has suffered a severe loss in the death of General Grand Secretary, Companion CHRISTOPHER G. FOX.

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER was appointed his successor, who in his report speaks as follows of his predecessor:

“It may be truly said of Companion Fox that he died at his post of duty, serving his Royal Arch Companions as he had done for a long period of forty-one years. If he had survived but two days longer his report would have been completed and printed under his own supervision.

“There are certain arrangements and tabulations which he had not yet completed and these had to be omitted from the advance reports, but are included in the printed proceedings. There is now sufficient detail to satisfy all that Companion Fox never lost his painstaking care and attention to details although enfeebled by eighty-four years of active business life.”

On the situation at Manila the Committee on Jurisprudence reports:

“Your Committee recommends that the Chapters organized at Manila, in the Philippine Islands, known as Keystone Chapter, be declared to be an irregular body and that all Royal Arch Masons holding allegiance to this General Grand Body be prohibited from holding Masonic intercourse with all members thereof and further recommend that the organization of this Chapter in the territory of the United States which had already been occupied by a Chapter organized under the authorities of this General Grand Body be made a matter of diplomatic correspondence between our General Grand High Priest and the presiding officer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.”

We have had occasion to quote elsewhere from this plethoric volume of the General Grand Chapter proceedings and having exhausted our “space,” must cease to cull the flowers of thought or pick the gems of wisdom.

BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest.

CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary.

S. B.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the Ninetieth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Macon, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 24, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442, and was opened in *Ample Form*, and with prayer by the Rev. A. E. SANSBURN, Acting Grand Chaplain.

Companion DAVID W. MEADOWS, the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Ma-

sons of the State of Georgia, was not recorded as present at this Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN R. WILKINSON, presented his annual address.

Georgia has one hundred and thirty-two Chapters, and the Grand High Priest complains that "about ten per cent. of the High Priests answer the letters of the Grand High Priest." How is that for *lese majeste*?

On reading over the "Decisions" we learn that Chapters in arrears for "two or more years' dues," unless otherwise saved by direct action of the Grand Chapter, "forfeit their charters by operation of law," which appears rational to us; that a wandering aviator with no fixed abode except the free air of heaven is a "Treasure Trove," and if he applies for the degrees and membership to a Chapter on the spot of earth where he at the time happens to be "the Chapter named has as much Jurisdiction over the Brother as any other, and could entertain the petition"; that in the absence of High Priest, King and Scribe of a Chapter, "a Past High Priest can preside, if a member of the Chapter"; that "some Chapters remit the fee (of a Minister of the Gospel), but it is a bad practice and in violation of the law"; that in answer to the question:

"Q. 'Can Chapter confer the degrees upon a candidate for ten dollars? Can we collect statutory fee and return to the candidate part of the same?' "

it was held

“ ‘No Chapter shall confer the degree for a less sum than twenty dollars, and no portion of it can be returned either as a loan or otherwise.’ ”

No whipping the devil around the stump.

A dispensation was issued to constitute a new Chapter at Guyton, to be known as Effingham, U. D.

The Grand High Priest thus concludes:

“COMPANIONS:—Masonry labors to improve the social order by enlightening men’s minds, warming their hearts with the love of the good, inspiring them with the great principle of human fraternity, and requiring of its members that their language and actions shall conform to that principle. That they shall enlighten each other, control their passions, abhor vice, and pity the erring, and make honor and duty the steady beacon-lights that shall guide their life-vessel over the stormy sea of time.

“To follow the ritual and routine of all the degrees, to have the language in memory and to be able from memory to practice all its required steps, positions, grips or words, amounts to nothing, in the making of a true Mason. The spirit, or revelation of the allegory of Masonry is required, both as knowledge and practice, to make the character of a real mason. Such a character is formed by the acquisition of all possible knowledge, with a benevolent and determined desire of extending it among the whole human race, that recognizes in every man a brother, who has need of every other man’s good-will and assistance.

“Companions, I need not tell you, that nature alone can provide us with the ground of wisdom; but Masonry will teach and enable us to cultivate the soil and to foster and strengthen the plant in its growth. Therefore, to dispel the clouds of ignorance, so inauspicious to the noble purposes of our Order, and to hold forth a moral whereby we may see the power and greatness of the all-wise ‘Disposer of Events,’ the Royal Arch Degree gives us an ample field for discussion by which we are shown, in the sad experience of the once favorite people of God, a lesson how to conduct ourselves in every situation of our existence; and that when fortune, affluence, sickness, or adversity attend us, we ought never to lose sight of the source from whence it came; always remembering that the power which gave, is also a power to take away. Having in itself this grand moral, which ought to be cultivated by every Companion—‘to do unto others, as we would wish to be

done by,' and it is the ultimatum of all terrestrial happiness, imitating in itself every virtue man can possess.

“May we, as Companions, so study virtue as to hand down to posterity a name unspotted by vice and worthy of imitation.”

Most Excellent Companion WILLIAM F. BOWE offered the following memorial, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

This is an age of supreme development.

Methods of communication have attained a wonderful perfection.

News of important events are flashed to the civilized world; and today, Mankind stands aghast, at a most appalling disaster.

Out of this catastrophe are many examples of heroism.

Pre-eminent among them is a hero, who exemplified the principles of his country—the duty to his profession—and above all, the sentiments of his Southland.

His name throbs in our thoughts with the blended beauty of pain and pride.

The Horatius at the bridge, sink into insignificance beside this hero of the “Titanic.”

With the firmness of the soldier to the men; he displayed tender courtesy, and sympathy to the women.

Vicarious self-sacrifice is the moral summit of the mind.

His sacrifice was equal to that of Curtius at the Chasm without the glamour of its display.

But as a Mason he is peculiarly dear to us.

Before the desire for Light had reached his heart he ascertained that his father had been Master of a Lodge at Warrenton in 1821. With love and devotion he presented a portrait of his father to his Lodge.

About this time he manifested his desire, and received his Masonic degrees, and with the crowning act of his life, he exemplified the tenets of a Mason's profession; and at the very last, stood like a rock based in ocean's billows, and died a martyr to love and duty; emulating the example of his illustrious prototype, he embraced death rather than forfeit his integrity.

His death is a benison to Masonry; and an ever-to-be-remembered example to our boys; and a sweet inspiration to our girls.

We quote the entire report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, which needs no comment:

“Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that peace and harmony have pervaded the entire year and that not a case has been sent to the Grand Chapter for adjustment. We trust that these conditions may always prevail, and that all grievances may be adjusted without appeal to the Grand Chapter.”

From the report of the Committee on Finance we learn that they did not approve of an appropriation from Grand Chapter funds to erect a monument to Brother ARCHIE BUTT, saying:

“We have listened with a great deal of interest to the beautiful resolutions regarding the heroic death of Brother Major Archibald Butt and are in thorough accord with the spirit of them. We believe this recognition of our Brother is due him. We disapprove, however, of the recommendation attached to this resolution that \$200.00 be appropriated for the erection of a monument. Brother Butt was not a member of this Grand Body and did not have any active interest in it, and we believe that it would establish a very bad precedent indeed to appropriate sums of money to objects of this kind, no matter how worthy or how heroic the sacrifice of the individual.”

As to finances they say:

“Year by year our balance grows larger and although the drains from all sources seem to be heavy yet our investment is larger and our interest returns correspondingly greater. With the amount set aside this year we have a fixed investment of over \$6,500.00. We have contributed most liberally to the Home and to every charity that has been presented to us. We therefore feel that in every particular we have done our duty but we still stand ready at all times to supplement our contributions to every object that tends to the general advancement of the Craft.”

There is no report on Correspondence.

M. G. ENGLAND, Grand High Priest.

W. A. WOLIHIN, Grand Secretary.

S. B.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Masonic Temple, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442, at ten o'clock A. M.

Companion JOHN C. McCURDY, our Grand Representative, was present and was received, together with the other Grand Representatives, accredited to their several Jurisdictions, at the foot of the dais, and welcomed with assurances of good will for the respective Jurisdictions they represented.

Companion CHARLES C. DAVIS, the M. E. Grand High Priest, delivered his annual address, from which we quote a part of the opening:

“It is my privilege as well as my pleasure to welcome you to this, the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. It affords me much satisfaction to see so large a representation and I shall always remember the occasions of Fraternal Communion I have enjoyed during the past year with so many of you. It is also with a great deal of thankfulness that I meet this unbroken line of elective officers, a line that has not been broken by death since you honored me by placing me in the line, some ten years ago. It is my earnest wish that this Convocation may serve to unite us yet more closely in the strong ties of brotherly love and affection and make for the advancement of our beloved fraternity.

“One year ago I was, by your generous favor, exalted to this office, the highest honor in your gift to bestow, and I have done my best to so conduct myself and the affairs of the office as to merit, in some measure at least, your approbation. I did not fully appreciate the responsibilities of the office until I had entered upon the active discharge of its duties. It has been my earnest endeavor to deal squarely and conscientiously with all matters and questions that have come to me. The time is now at hand when it becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship.”

Further on, *re* the subject of Schools of Instruction, he says:

“I am an enthusiast as to our Chapter Schools. I believe they are doing an inestimable amount of good to the Craft throughout the State and particularly to those who have attended a number of them. Under the supervision and instruction of our very efficient Board of Grand Lecturers these schools have brought forth the present splendid floor work which is the standard work of the State. It is stimulating the Subordinate Chapters into doing better work in every way; trying to keep up to the standard and also perfecting themselves in the ritual.”

It is gratifying to note that the inability of our M. E. Grand High Priest to comply with the request as below, was properly understood by the Grand High Priest of Illinois. We quote the entire incident in the hope that other Jurisdictions may note our Constitutional Limitations and be saved a similar experience:

“April 2, 1912. I requested the M. E. Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania to authorize Easton Chapter No. 173, of Easton, Pa., to confer all the Chapter degrees upon Brother Ralph F. Hannum as a courtesy to Peru Chapter No. 60, of this Jurisdiction. Brother Hannum had been elected to receive the degrees in Peru Chapter, but before receiving any he removed to Pennsylvania. The Grand High Priest was away from home at the time, but on April 13th I received a reply which was as follows: ‘I regret exceedingly that I can not comply with your very fraternal request because of the limitations put on me by our Constitution. Section 29 of Article XIV reads in part as follows: “One Chapter can not delegate to another the advancement of any Mason; nor can any Chapter advance any but its own members, etc.”’ Personally, I should like very much to grant the request to please you and oblige Peru Chapter No. 60 of your Grand Jurisdiction.’

“It was a surprise to me as I had no knowledge that any of the Jurisdictions had such a rule, but it occasions no ill feeling whatever and is perfectly proper of course; I only quote this so that my successors may know the situation as regards the Grand Jurisdiction in question.”

He is in favor of what is known as "border line jurisdiction," which being interpreted means that "Brethren living near the border of any State may petition the nearest Chapter, regardless of State lines."

Pennsylvania has no trouble on this score, and the courtesy of a waiver is rarely refused. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on this subject as follows:

"In regard to the subject of 'Border Line Jurisdiction,' mentioned in the address of the Most Excellent High Priest and referred to this Committee, your Committee finds that this subject has previously been before this Grand Chapter and it was then decided that it was best not to go beyond the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, and which former action is hereby concurred in by your Committee as being correct."

From the Grand Secretary's report we find that Illinois has 201 Active Chapters, with a membership of 35,117.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries notes the death of our Past Grand High Priest, the late M. E. Companion EZRA S. BARTLETT.

If you want to know anything about the newly elected M. E. Grand High Priest of Illinois, here follows his sketch:

WILLIAM B. CARLOCK,
Grand High Priest, 1912-1913.

William B. Carlock, the present Grand High Priest, was born March 15, 1842, in Woodford County, Illinois. His father, Abraham W. Carlock, was a Virginian of German descent, while his mother was a Tennessean of English and Scotch-Irish extraction.

The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, received his early education in the common schools and taught district schools with marked success. He graduated with highest honors of his class at Lombard University, Galesburg, in 1867, and in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, in 1869; was admitted to the bar in 1870, and has practiced his profession continuously to the present time in Bloomington. In his college life Comp. Carlock was a close and faithful student and a forceful and argumentative debater in the lyceum. He has conducted with success the trial of many important cases. He is a good German scholar and has shown high attainments as a German speaker. He was created a Master Mason September 18, 1888, having taken the degrees in Mozart German Lodge No. 656. He served this Lodge as its Worshipful Master for two terms and, with credit to himself, conferred the degrees in conformity to the German standard work. He has taken all the degrees in Masonry in the York Rite and all except the 33 degree in the Scottish Rite; held the office of High Priest of his Chapter for two terms, and that of Thrice Illustrious Master of his Council for four terms; served one term as Eminent Commander of his Commandery, and for two years filled the office of Worthy Patron of Bloomington Chapter No. 50, Order of Eastern Star. He also filled the office of Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter two years, and is Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Illinois. He was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer under the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., and for a number of years taught with success the standard work. He was constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in 1895 in Mohammed Temple. It is said of Comp. Carlock that he is one of the best posted Masons in the State of Illinois, in both English and German. He is a faithful, correct and energetic worker in all the Masonic bodies to which he belongs, and is a constant reader of Masonic literature. He holds Masonic principles near and dear to his heart, and in contact with his fellowmen has endeavored to adhere strictly to the tenets of the Mason's profession, "Brotherly love, relief and truth." Companion Carlock takes pleasure in the society of Masons, is wide awake and successful in all his undertaking; honorable in all his dealings; popular with all classes; is held in high esteem by the Craft, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the State.

We take the liberty of extracting bodily from the Illinois proceedings the following valuable table of Masonic publications. It is in a condensed form and will be valuable to our members:

The following is a list of Masonic publications:

THE ILLINOIS FREEMASON—Bloomington, Ill.
MASONIC TOKEN—Portland, Maine.
THE AMERICAN TYLER-KEYSTONE—Ann Arbor, Mich.
SQUARE AND COMPASS—Denver, Colo.
THE FREEMASON—Toronto, Canada.
MASONIC STANDARD—New York City, N. Y.
THE MASONIC CHRONICLER—Chicago, Ill.
THE NEW ENGLAND CRAFTSMAN—Boston, Mass.
LIBRARY BULLETIN—Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
MASONIC HERALD—Rome, Ga.
MASONIC WORLD—Kansas City, Mo.
MASONIC NEWS—Peoria, Ill.
MASONIC SENTINAL—Chicago, Ill.
MASONIC VOICE-REVIEW—Chicago, Ill.
MASONIC CALENDAR—Duluth, Minn.
MASONIC BIBLIOPHILE—Cincinnati, Ohio.
SCOTTISH RITE HERALD—Dallas, Texas.

My valued friend M. E. Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE says:

“This is my eleventh annual epistle concerning the sayings and doings of the Capitular World. But the year now closing has been extremely quiet. The proverbial condition of ‘peace and harmony’ has so extensively prevailed that the reviewer is hard set to find something to write about. Indeed, I find myself in much the same position as Comp. James H. Wroth, of New Mexico, when he says:

“‘I have found it a mighty hard job to get any information out of some Grand Chapter minutes. Many of them are built on the lines of Mark Twain’s diary, ‘got up, had meals, went to bed,’ and on account of my iconoclastic views have been severely criticised. It, however, serves the purpose of keeping the animals stirred up.’

“About all the reviewer can do, in the average case, is to note the facts of harmony, prosperity and general good will, and let it go at that. To attempt more is simply to give a synopsis of the routine business of the Convocation, and this, as a rule, makes rather dry reading in other Jurisdictions. Of course, there are those who think otherwise and who give shape to their convictions by extended reviews. But, are they read? That is, are they read by the persons to whom they are addressed and for whom they were presumably prepared? I know that in Illinois such has not been

the case, and so, pursuing my policy of former years my jurisdictional reviews are brief. I try to present matters that I think may interest you and to avoid inconsequential details. As you have approved this course in the past I trust the present epistle may also meet with your approbation."

In the above he asks: "But are they read?" I have found from experience that the proceedings are read, at least those, in the get up of which I have had any responsible part. Whenever a little mistake has been made through either ignorance on my part, or crass stupidity of a compositor, I am sure to hear of it from some most unexpected source. In Pennsylvania, from 1795 to 1824, the first three Grand Officers were known as First Grand Chief, Second Grand Chief and Third Grand Chief, and the statistical table is so headed. Beginning with 1825 these officers are tabulated under the titles Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe. A compositor once, not many years ago, continued the first box heading to the end of the table. Did anybody read that report? My careless proof-reading was responsible. Of course, somebody away off through the State called me down and wanted to know when the change was authorized.

Just blunder a little, or say something that infringes on some one's pet belief or theory and you will find some one other than those that have to read, read and resent. Frankly, if I was in the position of the office boy who was asked, why he didn't laugh at the proprietor's jokes and replied: "I don't have to, I leave Saturday," I wouldn't read many of

them. Now WARVELLE's reports I enjoy, and I read 'em, too. Now, honestly, don't you enjoy this under Alabama?

“By an amendment to the Constitution (in Alabama) ‘regular ordained ministers of the gospel’ as well as ‘Rabbis who are actively engaged in the exercise of their ministerial functions’ are exempted from imposts, tolls, taxes or other fees on entering the congregation of the faithful. If, however, it is the lustre which such accessions are supposed to shed on Masonry, then why not include judges, editors, U. S. senators and possibly members of the legislature. If, on the other hand, it is the sanctity which the favored class is supposed to bring with them, then why limit the class to Protestant ministers and Jews. If Freemasonry is a universal institution then why not give Islam and the Parsees a show?”

And here is something to sharpen your teeth on:

“The Correspondence Report (Nevada) was presented by Comp. Josiah L. Seward; he defends the practice of conferring degrees in Grand Chapter, but his arguments are not convincing. In fact, his major premise seems wrong, and, if this be true, then the whole syllogism is fallacious. I contend, that Grand Chapter, in its essence, is only a gathering of the representatives of the Chapters for the purpose of legislation. It has *no* inherent powers. It is the *creature*, not the *creator* of the Chapters. A new Chapter is not created by Grand Chapter, considered as a separate legal entity, although such may be the outward seeming. In reality it comes into being by the joint consent of the other Chapters, its co-equals. The laws a Grand Chapter may pass and promulgate are not the emanations of a superior body—an over-lord, but merely represent the agreements of all or a majority of the Chapters. It is impossible to think of a creator coming into being after its creature, and hence, a Grand Chapter cannot be ‘the parent or source of all the Subordinate Chapters,’ as Brother Seward avers.

“Lodges, Chapters and other forms of Masonic convention, all had an existence before Grand bodies were known. They made Masons. This was not only their prerogative, but the real reason for their existence—to propagate the species. Conditions have not changed. A legislative assembly is not a ‘regularly constituted Chapter’ within the meaning of the O. B.

“However, if any one thinks otherwise, that is his privilege. These are only your uncle's vagaries, and very often he is wrong. At least, some people say he is, which, I presume, amounts to the same thing.”

What authority there was prior to 1717 does not appear other than, according to PRESTON, “a sufficient number of Brethren met together within a certain district with the consent of the Sheriff, or other chief magistrate of the place, *were empowered* to make Masons, and practice the Rites of Masonry, without a Warrant of Constitution.”

“Were empowered,” there is the fact. Lodges didn’t, like Topsy, “just grewed.” They were *empowered* by some authority outside of themselves, not inherent in themselves, to meet and do what they were *empowered* to do.

The Grand Body became simply the embodiment of this authority that empowered, and today all Lodges, Chapters, etc., exist only by virtue of the authority that empowered them.

Under Pennsylvania we clip these comments:

“I always like to pick up the Pennsylvania proceedings, because they are so essentially different from all others I receive. In the first place, Pennsylvania is ‘Holy,’ and in this respect occupies a unique place in the Capitular economy of the U. S. I can’t tell you why it possesses sanctity, because I don’t know. I merely state the fact.

“Again, this Grand Chapter does not hold ‘Convocations,’ like the other sinful ones, but confines itself to ‘communications,’ whereof the annual is styled ‘Grand.’ However, this is strictly in compliance with the biblical injunction, ‘To do good and communicate forget not.’

“These are only a few of the many special marks of distinction that separate Pennsylvania from the rest of the Capitular world and makes them, in the language of Scripture, ‘a peculiar people.’

“But don’t imagine that I say these things in any spirit of carping criticism. Far be it from me to even possess such a thought. If they want to be ‘peculiar,’ that is their privilege. At all events, I shall not gainsay it.

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“Financially, they are way up in the plutocratic class. It takes several pages of the journal just to describe their interest-bearing securities, and every year they lay away a few thousand dollars. ‘Thrift, Horatio, thrift.’

“But, they pay no m. and p. d. Every time they meet—four times a year—it’s a Dutch treat; that is, Pennsylvania Dutch. Every man pays his own score. Now, what do you think of that?”

And then he says: “I may add, in Pennsylvania a Master Mason who has not had his hair cut, must wait three months before his application can be received.”

Now, if he had written “must have his eye teeth cut,” it would have been more to the point.

But Companion WARVELLE says nice things about the writer, as witness the following:

“Brother Bates is always given the privilege of writing the conclusion of the Committee’s report. This privilege he usually avails himself of by delivering a little sermonette. Now, when it comes to preaching, Bates is no slouch, as witness the following:”

And then he quotes.

Under Texas he says:

“In Texas there prevails a peculiar condition. At least, I have not observed it in any other Jurisdiction. They have no dormant Chapters. If a Chapter fails to meet for three consecutive months it becomes extinct through the automatic forfeiture of its charter. The charter may be restored for good cause shown—but for good cause only. The remedy is drastic, but it probably is effective.”

Pennsylvania law provides that “any Chapter in arrears to the Grand Chapter for two years’ dues, shall be immediately notified thereof by the Grand Secretary; and, if all arrearages shall not be paid in full within six months from the date of such notice,

its Warrant is, *ipso facto*, suspended, and unless cause is shown to the contrary, at the next Quarterly Communication, it shall be vacated.”

There are four other causes which work a dissolution of a Chapter in Pennsylvania.

And now for the Postscript:

“And now, beloved, as I close my eleventh annual epistle, the question occurs: Of what use are these letters? And I confess that I am unable to answer it. The same question has been asked before by thoughtful members of the guild, and some have attempted to formulate answers. The late Henry W. Rugg, of blessed memory, shortly before his death said:

“ ‘What benefit ensues from the reviewer’s work? If fairly well done it must help to dispense Masonic light and knowledge; at least it must furnish Companions who desire to keep posted in the activities and movements of the Royal Craft with some desired information; and then, perhaps, the correspondent may be reckoned among the agents that hold the institution to its high ideals and noble purposes. His reports may not be read or heeded to the extent that could be desired; but they have value if the organization itself has value, and if it is worth maintaining among the uplifting forces of present-day need and use.’

“All of which is very good in its way, but it does not satisfy. Possibly some day some genius will appear, with a new and improved method of writing Correspondence Reports.”

We like this under the caption *de amicitia*:

“The vice of most of the effusions that I peruse, however, seems to lie in the assumption, that by a mere common obligation, men of all races, creeds and opinions are thereby bound in an indissoluble tie of fraternal affection. Now, friendship—the genuine article—does not spring from vows or oaths of any kind. They may, perhaps, impose a duty of a purely formal character, and this duty a good man will strictly observe. But friendship is a privilege, not a duty. It comes from association, from mutual attraction, from the operation of some subtle essence that defies definition. In short, it is, like many other psychological phenomena, something that can only be felt—not expressed.”

The poet Gay wrote:

“Friendship like love, is but a name
Unless to one you stint the flame.”

with which sentiment I never could agree.

From his conclusion we clip the following:

“The contest for premiership still lies between the ‘big four,’ but we are much nearer the head of the lines than we were at the time of my last report. That you may the better understand the situation, I again submit a few tables of comparison, and I ask that you give to them a little careful study. For the figures I am indebted to the statistics compiled by Comp. Matthew M. Miller, of Kansas.

“The membership, as shown by the returns of last year, will size up as follows:

	Membership.
New York	36,354
Illinois	33,217
Ohio	31,703
Pennsylvania	31,669

“From this it will be perceived that in point of numbers we still occupy second place, with a very substantial majority to overcome in New York before we can claim the right of leadership. But this majority we certainly shall overcome if we continue our gains in the present ratio. At the same time we must not forget that we have a strong competitor in Ohio, which is forging to the front at a great rate. Again I present a table that will serve to make this point more clear:

	Gains.
Illinois	2,040
Ohio	1,455
New York	1,089
Pennsylvania	964

“It will be seen, that if the same ratio shall be maintained for three years, Illinois will lead the procession. This, of course, will depend on the relative degrees of activity displayed by the competing Jurisdictions.

“At present there seems to be some rivalry among the Subordinate Chapters of this and other Jurisdictions, as to which of them shall be first in point of numbers. Comp. John H. Miller, of Missouri, has made a little compilation of what he terms, the ‘Powerful Centers of Royal Arch

Masonry.' From his statistics it seems that Chicago, with its twenty-four Chapters, is *the* centre, having a total membership of 13,727. Philadelphia, with seventeen Chapters and 9,383 members, comes next, followed by New York, with eighteen Chapters and 5,682 members.

"The palm of superiority among individual Chapters is held by Providence Chapter No. 1, of Rhode Island. Its membership is 1,888. But Lincoln Park No. 177, of Chicago, is forging well to the front with 1,417 members, closely followed by Wiley M. Egan Chapter No. 126, also of Chicago, with 1,404 members. Indianapolis No. 1, of Indiana, shows 1,283 members, and several others in various States exceed 1,000. These figures are all taken from last year's returns, but the relative standing is probably the same at this time."

WILLIAM B. CARLOCK, M. E. Grand High Priest.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

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INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana, assembled in its Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twenty-third day of October, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1912.

Companion RENWICK W. CROCKETT, where wert thou! Were you not our Grand Representative?

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WILLIAM W. GOLTRA, presented his report. His joyous note of welcome is at once succeeded by a melancholly minor chord.

“It is my special privilege to welcome you to this, the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation—this happy reunion. What a pleasure it is to renew the friendships that the calls of business and the necessities of life interrupt! We should not forget in the joy of the occasion that we are born to die. Let us, therefore, make the most of the opportunity to cement the chains of brotherly love which mark our beloved Fraternity.

“Companions, in this busy day life, we are too apt to forget the little things that go to make life what it should be—a clasp of the hand, a word to those in distress, or a flower to the sick would mean a great deal from a true friend. Why not begin today?

“The year just closed has been one of peace and harmony; no questions have arisen that have marred the peace of the Fraternity. We are at peace with ourselves and our sister Jurisdictions.”

The death of our dear Companion Past Grand High Priest EZRA SCULL BARTLETT is noted, and that a Commission was issued to Excellent Companion FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY, as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Three Chapters were constituted and dispensations were issued for three more.

The following Chapters were consolidated:

“On November 6, 1911, I was advised by Right Excellent Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary, that the necessary steps had been taken by Valparaiso Chapter No. 79 and Chesterton Chapter No. 123, for consolidation; that the proceedings were regular and in accord with the General Regulations; that the two Chapters had decided to consolidate and that the decision was reached by a unanimous vote. The consolidated Chapters will be known as Valparaiso Chapter No. 79, located at Valparaiso, Indiana. The charter of Chesterton Chapter No. 123 has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

“On October 16, 1912, I was officially advised by the Grand Secretary that he had some time previously furnished information to Muncie Chapter No. 30, and Centre Chapter No. 136, of Muncie, Indiana, as to the procedure in consolidation of Chapters in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of

Indiana, that the said Chapters had unanimously agreed to such consolidation and that the same was effected by the action of the two Chapters at their stated Convocations in October.”

The Grand High Priest thus concludes:

“According to custom, in a few brief hours I will be permitted to lay aside the duties of the office, which have been so pleasant, and will be allowed to again take a seat among you.

“I wish to thank you for courtesies shown me and for the prompt response when called upon to perform any duty asked of you the past year.

“I would indeed be ungrateful if I did not take this occasion to publicly thank our efficient Grand Secretary and his assistant, Miss Smythe, for the many acts of kindness and the valuable assistance rendered me. I found them ready and willing at all times to give advice when needed. I thank you.”

From the Secretary’s report (and we have learned to love our good Companion CALVIN W. PRATHER) we quote:

“Number of chartered Chapters in Indiana October 18, 1911, 116; number of Chapters under dispensation, 3; charters returned on account of consolidation, 2; active Chapters in Indiana October 23, 1912, 117.

“Work of the Year—Mark Masters, 1222; Past Masters, 1197; Most Excellent Masters, 1198; Royal Arch Masons, 1160; reinstated, 25; affiliated, 131; died, 188; demitted, 273; suspended for non-payment of dues, 180; suspended for other causes, 9; expelled, 5. Total membership, January 1, 1912, 15,639. Net increase in membership, 622.”

There you have it in a nut shell. He adds:

“I am exceedingly grateful to the Grand High Priest, officers and members of the Grand Chapter for the many expressions of kindness and the very courteous and pleasing consideration accorded me during the past year. The unanimous selection of your Grand Secretary as President of the Grand Secretaries’ Guild of the United States at the recent Triennial meeting of the Guild held in this Temple is most pleasing and delightful, but is not greater than the satisfaction I have from my intimate association with the Royal Arch Masons of Indiana whom I at all times endeavor to faithfully serve. Companions of the Grand Chapter, I sincerely thank you.”

May you have honors and years heaped upon you, with strength to bear both.

Most Excellent Companion ORLANDO W. BROWN-BACK presented the following:

“To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter:

“The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Indiana, for the purpose of requesting donations from those who are able and willing to contribute to the Masonic enterprise of building a Masonic Home for the care and maintenance of the indigent Masons, the widows and orphans of Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, would represent that the Grand Lodge has at present about sixty thousand dollars sacredly set aside for the purpose above indicated. The Grand Lodge is on record as unwilling to go in debt, but is anxious, because of the great need of such a Home, to build as soon as possible. Therefore, we come to the Grand Chapter, asking this Body to assist in this work that the Grand Lodge may be the sooner enabled to supply the needs and wants of those dear to the Masonic heart that are entitled to their consideration.

“We might add that the location of the Home will be determined by the Grand Lodge, possibly at its next meeting, it being the sentiment that the location should be on sufficient land to warrant industrial occupations for those housed in the Home, that it may be a home in all the word implies to those that occupy it. We do, therefore, most courteously request the Grand Chapter of Indiana to make a donation commensurate with its standing and dignity to this Masonic Home.”

From the report of the Committee on the Distinguished Dead of other Jurisdictions, we quote the conclusion, which contains an exalted note:

“While we sympathize most sincerely with our neighbor Jurisdictions who have sustained this irreparable loss in the death of their illustrious sons, we feel that we must tincture our expressions of sadness with a note of exultation that these gone on before were of so great worth and eminence.

“We recommend that a page be set apart in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter in memory of the distinguished dead of other Jurisdictions.”

We avail ourselves of the fact that there is no copyright, and that we have a good pair of shears and an available paste pot to clip the Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates:

MASONIC CALENDAR.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis* (A. L.), “in the year of light.”

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. Inv.), “in the year of discovery.”

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A. Dep.), “in the year of deposit.”

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedec, *Anno Beneficio* (A. B.), “in the year of the blessing.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their Order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), “in the year of the Order.”

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

FOR THE YEAR 1912.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1912 and 4000—5912.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS—

Add 530 years to the common era. Thus: 1912 and 530—2442.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 to the common era. Thus: 1912 and 1000—2912.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

To the common era add 1913. Thus: 1912 and 1913—3825.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1912—794.

From the report of the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, all of which is good reading, but too long for our pages, we quote:

“But in all truth and soberness it may be said, indeed it must be said, that we of Indiana are a broad, liberal, tolerant people. The old prejudice against secret orders which existed one time is now disappearing. We have looked through the shadow to the substance. We have judged the tree by its fruit, and not by its foliage. We have come to know that the secret

work is the least important thing in fraternal life, and we have come to know that brotherhood can no more be expressed in terms of raps and grips than the boundless sea can be understood in the terms of liquid measure, for brotherhood takes its rise in Deity.

“I suppose it is generally taken and understood that the lessons taught in Chapter Masonry pertain to the symbolic and signify all the Keystone, but I have had a different idea—that is, I had it before the Indiana revisionists got at the Ritual. But it seemed always to me that the most beautiful lesson appearing in the little Keystone is wherein it was shown that a brother’s need might be anticipated without the brother’s knowledge. True brotherhood does not need to be solicited. Brotherhood is not grudging charity. Brotherhood is the forgetfulness of self in another. If I may be allowed to make bold to offer any criticism of fraternal orders, it is that we are much disposed to regard too lightly the solemnity and binding force of our obligations. What a clarified world of life and joy this would be if all the men of all the orders had a realizing sense and appreciation of the tenets of their profession, if they burned them into their minds and hearts so as to make them a matter of their daily lives, and they found expression in their daily conduct. Some of us, I suspect many of us occasionally array ourselves in habiliments that might reasonably excite the envy of King Solomon. We wear gorgeous plumes, and much gold braid upon our hats. We bravely carry swords. We march with rhythmic step and make our responses in full and swelling tones. We look brave, and we are brave; and yet I sometimes think some of us are mighty poor imitations of the original conception.”

Yes! when we learn and practice that it is not the *good we are to receive* from, but the *good we bestow* upon Brother, Companion or Frater, then will we know the full joy of a fraternity that teaches, O how painstakingly! effacement of self—yes, “Brotherhood is the forgetfulness of self in another.”

“The words of your Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, express the sentiments undoubtedly better, than any words that I could frame; and so in the words of that celebrated gentleman,

“ ‘When a man ain’t got a cent, and he’s feeling kind of blue,
And the clouds hang dark and heavy, and won’t let the sun shine
through;
It’s a great thing, O, my brother, for a fellow just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder, in a friendly sort of way.

“ ‘It makes a man feel curious, it makes the tear drops start,
And you kind of have a feeling in the region of your heart.
You look up and you meet his eyes, but you don't know what to say,
When his hand is on your shoulder, in a friendly sort of way.

“ ‘O, this world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall,
With its cares and bitter courses, but it's a good world after all;
And a good God must have made it, that is what we say,
When we are welcomed in Indiana, in this Hoosier sort of way.’ ”

The “Annual Capitular Review” is from the pen of Past Grand High Priest, Companion ROBERT A. WOODS, who opens his report with the words:

“The record of my second reportorial jaunt along the devious paths of the Capitular world follows. I hope it is worth while. Should it receive the same measure of indulgence and generous acceptance so beneficently accorded my first review by the solons grouped about the Round Table and the no less analytical Companions who toast their shins at our Hoosier hearthstones, then shall my cup of happiness be full to overflowing.”

Under Connecticut he says:

“Texas has a home entirely built and maintained by the Grand Chapter and which they claim to be the first of its kind in the world, while Michigan lately vested all associated rights in the Grand Lodge alone. Thus in matters of charity different communities have different ideas. Speaking for myself alone, but realizing that my views may be tinged by local sentiment, it has long seemed wisest to keep the expense of administration of the ‘higher’ bodies at the lowest possible figure and shift the entire responsibility and expense of all benevolences upon the broad and basic autonomy of the Ancient Craft.”

From our reading of this report we find under Delaware that in Indiana, “in accordance with immemorial custom and law in this bailiwick, for in Indiana it is made a provision of General Regulations,” it is proper for a symbolic Lodge to be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Well! *n'importe*. If

that is the law in Indiana—that is the law. But in Pennsylvania, whew!

Just why Excellent Companion Woods should commend the following opinion under Pennsylvania, we cannot understand:

“He (Pennsylvania’s Correspondent) defends the Pennsylvania practice ‘That objection to a candidate must be made personally in open Chapter,’ but his arguments are far from convincing. In most States, as in Illinois, an objection has the force of a blackball and is entitled to the same protection. The vice of the doctrine is further shown in the fact that in Pennsylvania there is no territorial jurisdiction, as with us, but the candidate may apply to any Chapter in the State. Yet a Companion living at a distance cannot object in writing even though the petitioner may reside in his own town, but must go in person to the Chapter where the applicant’s petition was presented.”

So, for fear of possible misunderstanding, we give you the law:

“Sec. 9. When a petition for the degrees and membership is received by a Chapter other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of the petitioner, the Chapter receiving such petition shall, under its seal, inquire of a Chapter within this Jurisdiction, nearest the place of residence of the petitioner, if it has any Masonic objection to the Chapter to which the petition is addressed acting thereon. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Chapter, and shall contain the full name, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner. The Chapter so inquired of, shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting after the same was received. The notices for the meeting of the Chapter inquired of, shall state that: ‘A ballot will be had on the inquiry, if there is any Masonic objection to Chapter No., acting on the petition of, for degrees and membership.’ One black ball shall establish the existence of such objection. The result of the ballot shall be certified by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter, to the Chapter making the inquiry, and to the Grand Secretary.”

It is true that in Pennsylvania Subordinate Chapters have no territorial jurisdiction, that is, a peti-

tioner does not belong of right to a geographical space on the earth's surface, but they do have the control of the Masonic fitness of any petitioner for the Capitular Degrees and membership. If the petitioner lives in Pittsburgh and applies for the degrees and membership in Philadelphia, the law above quoted says what must be done before the petition can even be received, much less acted upon. The petitioner must stand the test of the ballot in the community where his reputation is supposed to be best known.

Objection has the force of a black ball in Pennsylvania. But the objector cannot rest at home and mail his objection, when by his presence he can cast a black ball. If subsequent discoveries show that a petitioner is unfit for the degrees at a time so late that the regular proceedings to block his progress cannot be taken, then the objector, armed with his evidence, may make his objection in person and in open Chapter after a favorable ballot has been had.

In all fairness it must appear that every precaution is taken to guard the entrance. Territorial Jurisdiction has nothing to do with relaxing this guard. The Companion living at a distance has his notice and his orderly remedy in his hand.

But apropos of any feeling of vexation or annoyance, we quote under New Jersey from a quotation:

“An elderly philosopher, happy in a contented old age, had these words carved over his mantel: ‘I am an old man and have had many troubles, but most of them never happened.’ If you will incorporate that motto

into your life, you will solve half your troubles. Holy Writ says, 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

"As progressive Masons we are constantly, though unconsciously, making history. Let us fill its pages with our best efforts to lift men up to its highest ideals, not let the ideals down to unappreciative minds.

"Here, we are like tapestry workers. We do not see the pattern because we are working on the under side. We weave in the white threads of purity and the blue of faith, the crimson of courage and the purple of suffering, the whole fringed with the gold of love. When we have finished our work, we shall look down on the pattern, from the other side, some day, and then, why, that will be Heaven!"

So come now, Companion Woods, act on your own words under New Mexico, and although

"It is a good subject for the display of controversial powers, especially in condemnation, climb up into the band-wagon and lend your voice to swell the gladsome strains of Capitular harmony, or words to that effect."

If, when you say under Pennsylvania in your charming and liberal review, that "this Grand Chapter follows the practice of conferring degrees upon postulants, thus usurping the prerogatives of its subordinates, as we believe, and gaining nothing for itself," you mean that a Grand High Priest occasionally exercises the right of making Royal Arch Masons *at sight*, you are right; but you are wrong in the assertion that by doing this it is "usurping the prerogatives of its subordinates." There is no usurpation of rights belonging to others in Pennsylvania Capitular Masonry.

After a rapid résumé of what the writer says of a complimentary nature in the Report on Correspondence, Companion Woods goes on to say:

"Now all that is too much for the welfare of any man. I appreciate the compliment, of course, but—by the way, after examining his reviews

of the other eight Grand Jurisdictions assigned to him, I find those reviewers in just as much favor as myself. 'The words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts' are equal in evidence with my own, and thus and then the bubble burst."

My dear Companion Woods, this makes me think of an Irishman I once knew. He was connected with a jewelry firm in Liverpool. A certain lord once requested this firm that some one should be sent to his residence, and Mr. B. (my Irish friend) was sent. He was ushered into the lord's house, and shortly the lord appeared, welcomed Mr. B. cordially asked him to be seated, offered him wine and cigars, discussed the business before them and civilly bid him good evening.

Mr. B., swollen with pride at a reception so gratifying and unexpected, returned to his apartment, shared with a friend, who was already in bed.

Mr. B. bustled about in his heady pride until his friend awoke.

"Ah! what's the matter with you, Jim?" he called out. B. replied, "Lord so-and-so thinks a great deal of me."

His friend, knowing of his visit, said, "Why! what did he do?" B. replied, "He asked me to be seated, inquired as to my health, called the butler and had wine served, offered me a cigar. Oh! I'm all right with him." But his friend wearily called out, "Oh! come to bed you d—— fool! He talks that way to everybody."

But my dear Companion Woods, I talk to you as I think you deserve. I would like to quote much more from your admirable review, but time and space forbid.

We would have enjoyed an initiation into that *gemuethliche Gesellschaft*. Hear this conclusion:

“Two weeks ago, during the Triennial Convocation at Indianapolis, more than a score of devotees of the Round Table gathered around the princely board and knit themselves together in a *gemuethliche Gesellschaft*. We saw the keen, victorious gladiator in the reportorial arena of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry join hands and hearts with the ambitious neophyte struggling for his spurs. We saw old friendships renewed and new ones made. Youth, manhood and old age mingled together in delightful fellowship. Who shall say that the point of view gained from such personal contact and insight shall not materially temper the spirit of future attacks and pave the way to greater achievements in the realms of Masonic criticism? This union of interests will undoubtedly bring much good. For this purpose the ‘Round Table’ was brought into being. May the hopes of its founders be abundantly realized.

“To chronicle such an auspicious event at the close of another year’s journey through the widening vineyards of Capitular Masonry, and as the final incident thereof, is sufficient for the present record.”

SAMUEL L. SHIRLEY, Grand High Priest.

CALVIN W. PRATHER, Grand Secretary.

S. B.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, convened in its Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation in the hall of Davenport Chapter No. 16, Davenport, this tenth day of October, A. D. 1912, at nine-thirty o’clock A. M.

The Grand Chapter was welcomed by Companion FRED WERNENTIN, JR., on behalf of Davenport Chap-

ter No. 16, Royal Arch Masons and the citizens of Davenport, after which ceremony the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion GEORGE A. RIEMCKE presented his address.

He opens as follows:

“My esteemed Companions, another year has swiftly passed through the silent flight of time since last we met, and we have now reached the fifty-ninth milestone in our history as a Grand Chapter. It gives me great pleasure to greet and welcome you on this auspicious occasion; may each and every heart respond with true friendship and brotherly love; may every thought, word and action be tempered by that broad Masonic charity which has been so forcibly brought to our attention from the first step we took on the rough and rugged path of our Masonic career; may we be directed by the sublime precepts contained in the great Book of Nature and Revelation, now open upon our altar, that peace, harmony, and goodwill may prevail, and the effect of our labors here thereby stand the test of the Master Overseer’s square, and be a lasting benefit to the Craft.

“Our annual Convocations are each year becoming more interesting as we continue to grow in number; the increased interest in our Order, as manifested by the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction in the years past, must be of interest to every Mason who has at heart the welfare and prosperity of our noble and glorious Order. We come together year after year in Grand Convocation to enact laws for the government of Royal Arch Masonry, and to devise ways and means to aid in its advancement; but, my Companions, all this is of no consequence unless we become thoroughly imbued with the sublime truths it presents to the mind.

“If we do not make our daily walk and conversation correspond with what we profess and fail to do our duty to God, our neighbor, and especially to our brethren, to whom we are bound by the most sacred ties, and do not labor to promulgate the true principles of Masonry, then we fall short of the sublime teachings of the Order. There are many great purposes which claim our attention and support. ‘To relieve the distressed, feed the hungry, and clothe the naked is a duty incumbent on all men, but more particularly on Masons.’ Advice, aid, and sympathy should be extended to the unfortunate, under the many and various misfortunes of life, so long as they are in want. To lend a helping hand in the great cause of humanity should be the desire and ambition of every Mason. If we would but practice its principles this great Order of ours, which all men must and do respect, would grow to a mighty union of strength.

“It must always be used for good, the rites and ceremonies through which we have passed before reaching that goal of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Royal Arch, are of that solemn and impressive nature calculated deeply to impress the minds of all who pass through them, with the responsibility imposed upon each to do all that becomes a Mason, and goes to make our Order a mighty force in State and nation for the uplift and betterment of man.

“God give us men. A time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
Men who possess opinions and a will,
Men who have honor, men who will not lie;
Men who can stand before a demagogue,
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog,
In public duty and private thinking;
For while rabble, with their thumb worn creeds,
Their large opinions, and their little deeds,
Mingle in selfish strife, lo! freedom weeps.
Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps;
Then let us not stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do.”

Of the growth and condition of the Order, he says:

“It is gratifying to note the steady and continuous growth of Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction; we have now exceeded the 12,000 mark. The returns will show that for the year ending December 31, 1911, we have had a net increase of 426, making a total membership on that date of 12,044. During the year 102 Chapters exalted 794, or about 6.2 for each one of the 128 working Chapters; 109 were admitted in 53, and 57 were reinstated in 38 Chapters. The amount of uncollected dues, although slightly reduced, is still much too large. Last year the total amount was \$5,518.65, as against \$5,348.07 this year, showing a reduction of \$170.58, decreasing the per capita from 47 cents to 44 cents, and the amount per Chapter from \$43.45 to \$41.78. Almost one-fifth of the whole sum is in six Chapters, viz.: No. 5, \$216.90; No. 10, \$175; No. 45, \$264.50; No. 80, \$112; No. 129, \$136, and No. 120, \$263.25. Seventeen Chapters report all dues collected, being one less than last year. During the present year letters were sent out by the Grand High Priest, calling attention to the laws governing the collection of dues, and urging the High Priests and

Secretaries to give this matter their prompt attention, and from the information received we are confident that the reports next year will show a material reduction in the amount."

The following among "questions answered" is of interest, for similar cases may arise in our own Jurisdiction:

"What procedure is necessary for the reinstatement of a Companion who was suspended for non-payment of dues in a Chapter now extinct?"

"Held. That the Companion must petition the Grand Chapter for reinstatement, giving the name, number, and location of his Chapter while in existence, which petition should be recommended by at least two Companions of the vicinity in which he now resides, and enclosing therewith a draft for the amount of his delinquent dues, and action had thereon by the Grand Chapter, and, if favorable, a certificate of good standing will be issued to him, having the force and effect of a regular demit, and may thereafter petition the Chapter of his Jurisdiction for membership."

The following is his modest conclusion:

"Thus, my dear Companions, have I recited to you my official acts for the Capitular year now rapidly drawing to a close in plain and simple language, without any attempt at a literary production or a review of the current events of the day, and as I will in a few brief hours turn over the gavel to my successor and close my services as your most exalted servant, I cannot refrain from expressing to you, one and all, in my own homely and unpolished way, my most profound thanks and deepest gratitude for the high honor you conferred upon me one year ago. The labors have been performed under some difficulties that have at times severely taxed my physical strength, but after all it has been to me an agreeable experience long to be remembered, because of the very pleasant and agreeable relations with my associates in office, and with the craft in general, as well as with all Past Grand High Priests, who were always as ready to give counsel and advice as I was to receive it, for all of which I am deeply grateful and am under many obligations which I fear I can never repay.

"Trusting that you will look with favor and charity upon my efforts to serve you, as in my humble judgment was deemed for the best and highest interest of the Royal Craft, I most courteously and fraternally submit for your consideration this my report."

Iowa has 127 Chapters with a membership of 12,044 to December 31, 1911.

The "Report on Fraternal Correspondence" is from the pen of that veteran and able reviewer, P. G. H. P., M. E. Companion W. F. CLEVELAND.

He opens his review with these words:

"Companions, we herewith submit another Report on Correspondence, embracing a review of fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions of this and other countries. We find a prosperous condition exists and a steady growth in membership continues everywhere. We believe that the faithful and accurate rendition of the beautiful ritual of the Chapter degrees, with its exalted teachings, is exerting a wholesome influence upon the lives of our Companions, broadening their conception of life, its duties, and aspirations. This is one of the missions of Masonry.

"We have devoted many long winter nights in the preparation of this report, and if it is read by any considerable number of the Companions of Iowa, we shall feel that perhaps some good has been accomplished and that our labors have not been wholly in vain."

We clip the following under Arkansas:

"The Committee appointed last year to see about incorporating the Grand Chapter of Arkansas reported that they had prepared a bill for an act to incorporate, and it had passed both branches of the State legislature and was signed by the governor, incorporating the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas under the laws of the State of Arkansas, which was approved by the Grand Chapter."

for the inestimable privilege of *suing and being sued*, we presume. It already had life *in perpetuum*. We think we see many disadvantages and no compensations.

Companion CLEVELAND thinks—

"The discussions indulged in by the Correspondents of today, as well as those of the past, has done more and is doing more right along to correct errors, dissipate erroneous ideas, and create and mould opinions that are

largely resulting in more uniform laws and regulations throughout the entire country. Most of the live Correspondents are realizing that their mission is not to find fault nor to make unkind remarks, but to be ever courteous and gentlemanly, and when a difference honestly exists to express their opinions plainly and to the point. The Correspondent of the present, more than ever before, upon reading many thousand pages of solid printed Proceedings from all parts of the world, is in a position to express himself upon almost any question regarding Capitular Masonry that presents itself, intelligently and to the point, without necessarily offending the most sensitive nature. This is the mission of the Correspondent of today as we see it, and we are proud to be in touch with the magnificent class of men and Masons who are engaged in this noble work, and we believe that every Grand Chapter in the United States ought to have a writer on Correspondence who appreciates the work before him and who is willing to devote the time necessary to research and then prepare a report as the result of his labors.”

Good! So say we all of us.

We quote the following as an interesting bit of history anent the earthquake and subsequent fire in San Francisco April 18, 1906:

“It will be remembered that at the time of the earthquake and fire that occurred on April 18, 1906, in the city of San Francisco, and which made bare and desolate a very large portion of that beautiful city, the Grand Chapter met in annual Convocation upon the 17th day of April (the day before); the next morning they reconvened, held another session amid the chaotic conditions that prevailed from the earthquake that had destroyed so many buildings, followed by a most destructive fire, completed the business of the session, closed the Grand Chapter in form, and succeeded in saving themselves and the records of the Grand Chapter. There were thirty-four Companions that remained together until their business was completed. An excellent group picture of these Companions fill two pages of the Proceedings. At each annual Convocation their names are called, and as they respond to their names they take their places west of the altar, are received with public Grand Honors, and listen to the warm words of praise and commendation by the Grand High Priest. Of the original thirty-four Companions but twenty responded to the roll call.”

Companion CLEVELAND does not like “composite” reports, witness the following under Nova Scotia:

“The Report on Correspondence is again the work of a committee of three, who divide up the Proceedings among themselves and each make report of the Proceedings that fall to him. While we have read the entire report, which is interesting, yet we do not like these composite reports as well as we do where one Companion writes the entire report. We can follow him closely through each Grand Jurisdiction, note his conclusions, study his criticisms (if any), and feel that we are in closer touch with him than we can possibly do where several writers do the work. We believe that this report under consideration is as good as such kind of reports can possibly be made, but none of the committee can do themselves full justice under this plan, but they are writing for the Companions of Nova Scotia and not to please any of the other Correspondents.”

Pennsylvania is reviewed in Companion CLEVELAND's very best style. He thinks, and says what he thinks.

Witness the following:

“The Grand High Priest reported having granted several dispensations to allow the ballot to be had upon petitions without waiting the time required by the Constitution, because a Brother found that he must go to Texas or Africa, and suddenly made up his mind that he wanted to go upon his journey a full-fledged Royal Arch Mason. And yet we read in the address of the Grand High Priest, in which he refers to the law requiring that a Companion must receive a two-thirds vote to be restored to membership, where he says:

“ ‘During the past year I have occasionally heard an expression similar to this: “Is there no way of getting around it?”’ referring to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter or the by-laws of a Subordinate Chapter. No such thought should ever enter a Companion Royal Arch Mason's mind. It should be his first and only desire to strictly conform to all the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as the provisions of the by-laws of his own Chapter.’

“Why not apply the same ruling in regard to a violation of the provisions of the Constitution by the Grand High Priest himself in granting these dispensations to ballot out of time?”

Of our report on Correspondence he says:

“The Report on Correspondence covers 212 pages of the printed Proceedings and is the work of the five members of the committee, who divide

up the Proceedings among themselves. The review of Iowa was assigned to Companion Stockton Bates, who gives us a most generous mention of nearly eight pages of the Proceedings, quoting freely from our report and copying our conclusion in its entirety, for which we feel highly complimented. He, like many others, was quite amused at the introduction of one of the bright and shining lights of the Eastern Star. It happens, Companion Bates, that our Grand Officers are not clothed in their robes of office during the sessions of the Grand Chapter, so the distinguished lady visitor beheld nothing but a hall full of sedate, dignified men endeavoring to look wise during the rather unusual ceremony.

“You know that sometimes some of our Brothers become so intensely interested in the Eastern Star, especially when they have been honored with office in that body, that they would make it a part of the Masonic system itself if they could, and the introduction of ladies into the charmed circle of the Grand Chapter was a pleasant innovation, and no great harm done.”

and then does the writer the honor to quote his conclusion entire.

In turn, we quote Companion CLEVELAND's conclusion, because it says well so many things that are true relative to the get-up of reports on correspondence:

“In submitting this, our eleventh annual Report on Correspondence, we appreciate that the continued period of prosperity which Capitular Masonry is enjoying makes the preparation of an interesting Report on Correspondence more and more difficult of accomplishment. All of the mooted questions which in the past have furnished material for discussion have been literally talked to death and laid to rest with fitting and appropriate obsequies. The ‘Texas plan,’ which seems to be giving satisfaction to our Texas Companions, has actually been adopted by the Companions of South Carolina, and is being seriously considered by several other Grand Jurisdictions.

“The persistent opposition to the method adopted by Texas, in bringing the Chapters and Councils into intimate fraternal relations, seems to continue in certain directions. We cannot help but think that it has a tendency to create a feeling of bitterness among some of our Companions in other Jurisdictions, and especially in Texas, a condition that should be avoided whenever possible. We believe in encouraging a warm fraternal

feeling among the entire fraternity of this country, a duty incumbent upon each and all of us.

“The general prosperity that is prevailing throughout the country has a tendency to make material scarce from which to produce an interesting Report on Correspondence. Grand Bodies meet in annual Convocation, open, appoint committees, listen to the reading of the annual address, receive reports from standing committees of nothing doing, election and installation of officers, presentation of a jewel to the retiring Grand Officer, close, and go home. And yet under this routine work there exists an earnest, steadfast loyalty to recognized principles, a devotion to high ideals, and a steady growth in membership. There is everything to encourage us to believe that Capitular Masonry rests upon a permanent and enduring foundation; its growth in membership is substantial and composed of the best of material, and in the years to come it will be well prepared to successfully face adverse conditions that it may be called upon to confront.

“Six veteran Correspondents, whose continuous service in writing the Reports on Correspondence for their several Grand Chapters has covered more than twenty-one years, are still in harness writing as vigorously as ever, although somewhat advanced in years—Schultz, of Maryland; Southgate, of North Carolina; Foster, of Colorado; Chambers, of Quebec, and Levoy, of South Dakota. Long may they continue to contribute words of wisdom that has come to them from long experience, close observation, and recognized ability.

“In our own Jurisdiction never were conditions among the Chapters more satisfactory and encouraging than they are at the present time, nor the future outlook more promising.”

CROMWELL BOWEN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ALF. WINGATE, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KANSAS.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in its Forty-seventh Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Topeka, Kansas, on Monday, February 19, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442, at three P. M.

M. E. WILL C. CHAFFEE, Grand High Priest, congregated the Companions, and under his direction the Grand Secretary called the roll of Grand Officers and the roll of Chapters to ascertain whether a constitutional number of Chapters were represented to authorize the opening of the Grand Chapter.

A constitutional number being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*.

M. E. Companion WILL C. CHAFFEE, the Grand High Priest, then read his annual address. He opens as follows:

“With feelings mingled with regret, sadness and pleasure I greet you and welcome you to this the forty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. Regret, that it has not been possible for me to have accomplished even an infinitesimal part of that which has been my cherished ambition of life. For years I have mingled with the Grand Body and for nearly a quarter of a century have been a constant and active toiler in the quarries of Zeredatha, content to have brought forth just one rough ashlar, which, under the patient touch of our working tools, should become a perfect ashlar, fitted to adorn and beautify this superb structure, and which might be accepted as such by the Royal Craft. All these years we toiled in the ranks of the faithful craftsmen, without either hope or thought of fee or reward, content to build as best we could—for years mingling with this Grand Body as one of you, and when finally we became a member of the official family we began to dream of greater future possibilities; and when, one short year ago by your graciousness you placed upon me the Royal Purple of authority, bestowing upon me the highest honor, the choicest and most highly prized gift in your power to bestow, I fondly cherished the hope I would be able to fulfill in some measure at least, the high aspirations animating me through all my Masonic life, and in the language of one of our most brilliant and distinguished craftsmen, ‘As the possession of a great power exhilarates, so does it stimulate the consciousness of imperfect achievements and bring the blemish of regret to the fruit of labor.’

“It has not been the custom usually for your Grand High Priest to offer apologies for lack of attempt at least to perform Masonic tasks, but owing

to the fact that for more than the first half of the year I was physically unable to devote any part of the time to the affairs affecting the Craft or even to my personal interests (being in the hospital during the summer months, and not having sufficient strength to enter into active labor until late in the fall), and though I had cherished the hope that I might come before you meriting at least your kindly commendation, I am constrained to crave your indulgence and plead with you to cast around the faults and foibles and even failures, the broad mantle of charity and human sympathy.’’

He is opposed to fees for Dispensations of any kind, except for New Chapters, as being beneath the dignity of so great an organization as a Grand Chapter. Why except New Chapters? If *infra dig.* in some cases, why not in all? There may be an angle from which this subject may be viewed that will sustain the M. E. Grand High Priest of Kansas, but we are unable to get the right focus at this writing.

On Chapter Jurisdiction he has this to say:

“Sincerely believing in the axiom the ‘Greatest good to the greatest number,’ I am of the opinion that the interests of Capitular Masonry can be materially advanced if some arrangement for mutual concurrent jurisdiction can be formulated. We are members of one great family, Companions, and we are of one mind in this—that every Master Mason who is worthy to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason ought, and should as his right become a Royal Arch Mason, and should he not have every facility and opportunity afforded him to enable him to receive the Capitular degrees? And when a Lodge is so located that its members can reach a Chapter not having jurisdiction more easily than they can the one having jurisdiction, and often at a saving in time of a day and night, or even more, would it not be advisable for the Grand Chapter to arrange a form of mutual jurisdiction, permitting Chapters in such instances to either waive jurisdiction over the candidates, or for the Chapters interested to exercise concurrent jurisdiction?’’

Why not look into and try the Pennsylvania plan? It works well with us.

Listen to this:

“The whole fabric of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction has never been in a more prosperous or stable condition than at the present time. Its growth and progress are commensurate with the wonderful advancement of this great Commonwealth. Its financial affairs are in such stable condition that it is placed beyond the possibilities of ever becoming endangered; and in this connection, I desire to ask your indulgence and present for your consideration a recommendation that the Grand High Priest’s remuneration be increased to five hundred dollars per annum. We know something of the duties incumbent upon him, and if the Grand High Priest fulfills even a small part of his cherished hopes, from a commercial standpoint, he is worthy the advance consideration.”

Does this mean salary or to cover the necessary expenses? In Pennsylvania the position is purely an honorary one—no salary is attached to the office.

He puts the question of WORK up to the High Priests and says:

“There can be no good reason or rational excuse for a single dormant Chapter in this Jurisdiction, having active Lodges to work with. I realize the labor, time and energy necessary to carry on the work of a Chapter, but the splendid instructiveness and reward and pleasures that come to you amply repays you, and I say to you that there is not a High Priest of a single Chapter here today that cannot go back to his home and gather a corps of associates around him, organize his Chapter and go right out among friends and acquaintances in home Lodges and gather work enough to keep busy every stated Convocation of the Chapter for the year to come.”

One might infer from this that WORK was the *summum bonum*. This hunger for WORK, has been the cause of more extravagances in Chapter expenditures, more imperfect material being introduced into the Masonic edifice, more heart-burnings and jealousies among the High Priests, and tends to cloud the more exalted reason for Capitular existence.

Welcome those that desire to complete their Masonic education through the Capitular Degrees—yes! Even labor to secure good men and true, but let the real purpose of Chapter organization not be lost sight of in the mad rush to put any kind of material into the structure.

The M. E. Grand High Priest concludes with this laudable expression of his hopes and aspirations:

“May I not hope, Companions, that, divested of exuberance of enthusiasm, my efforts may bear a place in your memory and that I shall have had the privilege of contributing something to this great brotherhood of noble men and Masons.”

The Grand Secretary reports a membership December 31, 1911, of 9116, divided among 91 Chapters.

The Report on Correspondence comes from the pen of Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion MATTHEW M. MILLER, who plunges in at once to the review, without preamble or preface. His review is sententious, but offers no gleaning field for the reviewer.

Under Nevada we clip the following *re* shifting the preparation of Correspondence Reports from the shoulders of a Committee to those of the Representatives, each to report for the Grand Jurisdiction represented by him:

“The Report on Correspondence is by R. E. George Gillson, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest. Our M. E. Companion evidently does not hanker after the job of writing a Correspondence Report, and suggests that as ‘our Grand Representatives have no duties to perform

except to answer roll call and receive the Grand Honors,' they be required to report on the Grand Jurisdictions which they represent, limiting each report to two pages or less, and that these several reports be published in the Proceedings and take the place of a Correspondence Report. This would give the Grand Representatives something to do and give us a diversity of opinions that might prove beneficial. 'In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom.'

"The suggestion is up to the Nevada Companions, and we would like to see the kaleidoscopic result of the conglomeration. The Kansas flag will be held to the fore by M. E. Comp. Matthew Kyle in accordance with his well-known proficiency in everything he undertakes, while M. E. Comp. A. L. Fitzgerald will perform a like duty for Arkansas. Try it, Comp. Gillson; it will at least contribute to the gaiety of the nations; and it may be that you will solve the problem of the modern age—'getting something for nothing.' This conundrum is based of course on the assumption that the Grand Secretary will edit the various reports 'without fee or reward.' "

In addition to the interest which will be aroused by the item itself, it serves to show Companion MILLER's style.

Under New Hampshire he says:

"We think the system of taking as law the utterances of a presiding officer, simply from that fact alone, is very defective, and leads to very much error unless the members of the Committee on Jurisprudence sternly lay aside all consideration of saving the face of the law giver, and hold fast to an unequivocal expression of the principles involved."

This makes us think of the story of the able Lawyer and the testy Judge. The Judge interrupted the Lawyer in the midst of his argument, in which he quoted a certain law as a precedent, with the remark: "That is not the law, sir!" to which the Lawyer, bowing low to the Judge, replied: "It was the law before your Honor spoke."

Now, Companions, read this under Pennsylvania. If it isn't delightful, why (what is it the slang says?) "I'm a shad."

"Chairman Meredith in his opening refers to a question of growing importance, *i. e.*, 'the prevention of imposters among the workmen, or the admission of clandestine Masons within the tiled doors of the chapter.' He then says:

" 'I would suggest that the various Grand Chapters agree upon a uniform certificate for use of the Subordinate Chapters with the seal of the Grand Chapter and the signature or fac-simile of the signature of the Grand Secretary, this with a receipt for yearly dues signed by the Secretary with the seal of the Chapter affixed. Then require that every visitor, who cannot be vouched for, shall present such certificate and receipt before examination.'

" 'Kansas has a similar system in use in the Lodges, the back of the Lodge receipt being fac-simile of Grand Lodge seal and signature of Grand Secretary. It works admirably, and if universally adopted will settle the question of delinquency in dues in the Grand Bodies; a remarkable change is noticeable already.

" 'And now we are in trouble, and our trouble illustrates one of the ideas we had in mind when we expressed our views that the standard of excellence of the Reports on Correspondence must be raised if we would attain the high standing for the Capitular degrees to which they are entitled, *i. e.*, the question of limitation. The Pennsylvania report—and it is an excellent one—covers 238 pages, ten pages of which are devoted to Kansas. Common courtesy, to say nothing about 'toting fair,' and leaving out of consideration entirely the highly complimentary references to the Kansas Proceedings and work, should require us to devote one-seventh of our entire average space to Pennsylvania. We have figured it all out, and find ourselves in the position of the Chinese banker in San Francisco whose bank had closed its doors and put up the sign 'Busted,' who to the demands of an importunate depositor declared the incident closed, saying: 'When I no havee, how can?' And the situation illustrates the root of the difficulty. Pennsylvania is one of the fifty Jurisdictions to be reviewed by Kansas, and fifty will not go into seventy ten times.

" 'The Kansas Proceedings for 1909 and 1910 are reviewed by Comp. Stockton Bates. He is attracted by what M. E. Comp. Wellman says on the topic of 'Life.' The 'thoroughly up to date office equipment' of the Grand Secretary interests him and he welcomes the Kansas correspondent as follows: 'Congratulations! May you live long to sit with your Companions of the Guild.' Of the Kansas report he says: 'The words of the

old refrain, "Boil it down," must have been constantly in mind. But few reviews take up more than a page, but in the residuum there is the essence. Delicious, but unquotable.' "

Now, Companion MILLER, that last sentence and the knowledge that I have said practically the same thing in this report, puts me in the class of the young lady, a witness in court, who when the Judge asked her age, replied "nineteen." The Judge, glancing at his notes, said: "Why, this case has been before this court for a number of years and my notes show that three years ago you testified that you were the same age then as now," to which the witness answered with great vivacity: "I'd have your Honor know that I am not one of those women who say one thing one time and another at another."

I still think your reports are "delicious but unquotable." Yet still I quote and here is the conclusion:

"The Psalmist said: 'God is my refuge, I will fear no evil'; 'I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread'; 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.'

"We do not doubt in the least that God's providence has watched over and cared for his children and their seed during all the ages, because many have had startling experiences for which they were and are unable to account except for the goodness and mercy of God.

"Nevertheless, mankind in these materialistic days seeking to be free from want pin a good deal of their confidence in that blessed text enunciated by that great Mason and greater philosopher, Benjamin Franklin, who said: 'God helps those who help themselves,' a bit of worldly wisdom appropriated by those Masons who, having faith in a heavenly mansion for themselves, provide an earthly one for those of their fraternity who in their old age have outlived all family ties and relationships and require the help and ministration of those younger who have assumed the brotherly relationship.

“The poet said: ‘If I should curse the man I hate, dependent and dependence be his fate.’

“He who has contributed to the benevolences of the Craft with willing heart, mind and hand goes to his Masonic Home in old age, or other disability, with a consciousness of right and proprietorship, which makes the sense of dependence impossible. And this is the glory of the organized and systematized work of the Masonic Home.

“We are glad to note as a distinctive feature of the Grand Chapter reports during the past year the increased interest manifested by many Grand Chapters in bearing a larger share of the financial expenditure hitherto borne by the Grand Lodges in caring for the jurisdictional Masonic Home.

“The Grand Chapter of Texas October 3, 1911, dedicated a Home for Aged Masons at an outlay of \$51,563.31. Money was collected, Home built and paid for within one year. The Board of Directors, in concluding their report to Grand Chapter, said: ‘That so far as they have been able to learn this is the only eleemosynary institution in the United States established and maintained under the patronage and direction of Royal Arch Masonry.’

“All honor to the Royal Arch Craft of Texas. The example is worthy of imitation. Every Masonic Home should have a substantial endowment. Why not make a start in that direction.”

HARRY E. BEST, M. E. Grand High Priest.

ALBERT K. WILSON, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 15, 1912, A. I. 2442, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree at eight o'clock P. M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID W. GRAY, read the annual address, which opens as follows:

“It is with a heart full of gratitude to Almighty God for all the blessings and mercies bestowed upon our craft during the past year that I welcome you to this the ninety-fifth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and, in accordance with our time-honored custom, present to you a report of the principal events that have transpired in this Jurisdiction since our last meeting.

“Without doubt the first thought that arises in the mind of every member of this Grand Chapter upon assembling, this evening, is that we miss from his accustomed place that mighty Mason and splendid man who has for years, by reason of his office and attainments, been the most conspicuous member of this body, our beloved Companion and Brother, Most Excellent Henry Bannister Grant, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest, whose death occurred at his home in this city on Monday, August 26, last.

“In the death of Companion Grant this Grand Chapter has lost its hardest worker and most efficient officer, and it is no reflection on any one to affirm it is impossible, in all ways, to fill his vacant chair. The years of experience of Companion Grant, his wonderful store of Masonic information, his judicial mind, above all, his kindly disposition and the habit of considering all questions from every viewpoint before expressing his opinion, made that opinion much sought for and valued when obtained. You, my Companions, will readily recall how in the past each successive Grand High Priest, in his annual address, has paid willing tribute to the help, aid and assistance that each has received from that great Secretary, as he was regarded by the Craft at large, and all of you who have been thrown into close contact with Companion Grant know how well those tributes were deserved. To me his loss is a heavy one both officially and personally. He was my Masonic mentor, and my guide and counsel in all my Masonic actions since I became a member of the Royal Craft. That I should lose that advice and assistance at the apex of my Masonic career, when of all times I needed it most, has been my great misfortune. And yet we would not wish him back again. His work is done, ripe in years, rich in his achievements of work well done, full of honor, in possession of the love and affection of his fellow men, in charity with all mankind, at peace with his Maker, whom he worshipped with childlike and simple faith, he has gone to his exceeding great reward and left for us a priceless heritage that will not fade away.”

On the subject of Grand Representatives he says:

“I believe it incumbent on one who receives and accepts the commission of a Grand Representative to convey to the Grand High Priest whose com-

mission he holds, a short account of the proceedings of the Convocation of our Grand Chapter and that unless this is done the position has no meaning or value. Such communications serve to strengthen the bonds that unite us to our sister Jurisdictions and are, I know, appreciated by the recipients thereof.”

Whether our Representative, Companion GEORGE A. LEWIS, made such a report we do not know.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 9050 in 107 Chapters.

From the report of the Committee on Entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, we quote *re* the signal honor conferred upon Companion BERNARD G. WITT:

“One of the features of the Convocation calculated to impress itself upon the memory of those present occurred just when Companion Witt had been unanimously elected General Grand High Priest. As is usual the presiding officer announced to Companion Witt his election, and asked if he would accept. Companion Witt at once arose and said: ‘I do,’ when the presiding officer said: ‘The General Grand Chapter would be pleased to hear from you.’ Before Companion Witt could proceed a quartet from his home State startled the serenity and dignity of the General Grand Chapter of the United States by singing that soul-inspiring and everywhere popular song, ‘My Old Kentucky Home.’ Like a flash it was caught up by the seven or eight hundred people present, who joined in heartily, and the impressiveness of the scene reached its flood-tide when the General Grand High Priest, Judge Kingsley, called up the General Grand Chapter, thereby emphasizing the compliment to Companion Witt, and making absolutely manifest the great love and admiration in which he is held, by a tribute no more spontaneous than it was sincere.

“We may repeat that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky has been most signally honored by the election of Companion Witt to absolute leadership in, and as chief officer of, the largest body of Masons on earth. That he will measure up to the responsibilities of the position, fulfill the dearest hopes of its most ardent advocates and votaries, display skilled ability and generous tactfulness in his administration of its affairs, and come through its ordeals with smiling countenance, succeeding and assuring success,

crowned with the laurels of our love and friendship and held up by the strong hands of Kentucky Royal Arch Masons and their Companions throughout the General Grand Jurisdiction, no one can possibly doubt, because we all know it.''

Speaking of Kentucky's Homes, the "Committee on Our Homes" has this to say:

"Your Committee on Our Homes has made an investigation of this institution along the following lines: ventilation, sanitation, heat and light; plumbing and sewerage; beds and dormitories; food and clothing; medical department; course of study including manual training, shoe shop, Masonic Home Journal and Printing Office; sewing department; qualifications of Superintendent T. J. Adams. We have visited the Home several times and beg to submit the following report:

" 'The entire institution is well lighted and properly heated; the ventilation and sanitary conditions are excellent; the sewerage is good and the plumbing is in fair condition, but much new plumbing will be installed in a short time.'

" 'The institution is kept scrupulously clean and home-like and the general living conditions are excellent; the food is well cooked and wholesome and of sufficient variety; the children are neatly and properly clad; the dormitories and beds are in splendid condition. I visited the dormitories occupied by the children at different times where one hundred and eighty-six boys sleep, all in separate beds. Although the dormitories are full they are not congested, but for the fact that a new building with dormitories is under construction, congestion at an early date would be inevitable.'"

The Report on the Doings of Grand Chapters comes from the pen of Companion W. W. CLARKE.

Under Alabama, he says:

"We cannot, of course, even hope to please all; but our idea is that by full and free discussions in the reports on Correspondence, courteously, always, of course, we may more nearly reach true ideals, and possibly pave the way towards a more uniform jurisprudence among the various Grand Bodies.'"

Yea! yea! and amen!

Under North Carolina, we find and clip this:

“About the scissors—well, we are so lazy that we have to be smartly stirred up to induce us to use the pen when the scissors are so convenient. Just a snip or two and you have it, some real live stuff sometimes, too.”

The scissors, ah! the scissors, and then the paste pot, too. What aids! We never start a report on any Jurisdiction without these desirable auxiliaries within easy reach. To be sure we cut up a book, but what of that? There’s what we want to quote in cold type and as our reviews are always written under high pressure, why! to quote Companion CLARKE—“Just a snip or two and you have it, some real live stuff sometimes, too.”

Under Oregon, we again quote:

“All of which is true; but whence ‘disrespect for and obedience of law’? The matter is too big to be discussed here, or to permit us to more than suggest the answer to the question we have asked, and to which the all-too-true comment of Companion Thielsen necessarily leads. The highest, the most obligatory of all laws, as it is the fountain whence flow all other laws, is the holy, universal and immutable law of God. As, from whatever cause, men lose respect for that law, they lose respect for all law. The denial of its obligations, even the questioning of it, is the loosening of the moral and ethical bonds. These premises suggest the argument and its logical conclusion.

“However, what was in our mind when we wrote the sentences to which Companion Thielsen alludes, was the politico-religious power that is, in no uncertain way, manifesting itself in our National affairs, and which is concerning itself mightily in the governmental policies of our Nation, and of which, we, as Masons, have got to take note sooner or later, and it looks like sooner.”

The above is *re* last year’s Enigma. Companion CLARKE gets back at us, as witness this excerpt:

“We did not think that it was necessary to accompany the statement with a diagram, particularly for the benefit of Companion Bates. We are

of the opinion that if he will recall a recent order of one of the Departments at Washington in the matter of emblems on monuments and stones in the National Cemetery at Arlington, a train of thought will be suggested that will lead ultimately to a solution of the riddle.”

Oh, we’re next. We get you, the Enigma has been solved.

We are so tickled with this delicate compliment, or shall we say flattery, that we cannot refrain from quoting the following from the review of Pennsylvania:

“The conclusion to the report was also written by Companion Bates. We quote it, emphasizing this wish: That more of the authors of the reports would write as he does.”

We quote under South Carolina the following *re* the “Texas plan”:

“By approving the report of Committee on Texas Plan, Grand Chapter incorporated the ‘plan’ into its law. That part of the report of the Committee accomplishing this end is as follows:

“ ‘No petitioner for the Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry shall be eligible unless he be a member in good standing of some Lodge of Ancient Free Masons. Further, That each applicant for the Royal Arch Degrees shall, at the time of his applying for initiation in a Royal Arch Chapter, file also his petition, accompanied by the fee for initiation into a Council of Royal and Select Masters.’ ”

Under South Dakota the reviewer has this to say *re* the Enigma:

“Referring to an allusion contained in the conclusion to our report of last year, he says: ‘We think we know his meaning, but feel that until necessity demands action it were better to let sleeping dogs lie than to precipitate our noble Order into a position that it has kept out of for almost 200 years.’ But the trouble is that the ‘dog’ is not sleeping, in fact is sleepless, nor does it *lie*, if the word is used as the present tense of the verb which, according to Webster, means ‘to rest extended on the ground, a bed, or any support.’

“We are inclined to think that Companion Levoy, when he takes note of his heart, believes as we do. At any rate, the following from his ‘Conclusion’ indicates that there is no evidence of lethargy on the part of this suggested menace. Referring to the order of the War Department prohibiting the placing of Masonic emblems on tombstones in the National Cemetery at Arlington, he suggests commissioning the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to investigate, and adds this:

“ ‘When they run it down they will find its issuance ordered by a power who seeks to fasten itself on a government of a free people, whether it is wanted or not, and found a bigot willing to sponsor it, possibly for political reasons or self-advancement.’

“And he is right, too.”

Under Vermont, anent the Enigma, we quote in order to show that we were not the only reviewer who “wanted to know” more definitely:

“Referring to our report of last year, among other things, one of them concurring in certain views expressed by us, but basing his conclusions on different reasons than those we expressed, he said:

“ ‘During the period covered by his report, he found nothing “of a nature to disturb the even, onward flow of the Masonic tide,” but if he mistakes not, a grave danger “threatens our great nation”—we wish he had been more explicit. Possibly we might then have known why he did not capitalize “nation.” ’ ”

“The failure to use a capital ‘N’ was inadvertent, and meant no disrespect to our Nation, to which the writer of this is as loyal as any citizen within its widely extended bounds. If he will read our review of Oregon, and at other places, he will probably find the ‘grave danger’ to which we referred.”

And here follows the conclusion:

“A careful reading of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the world gives cause only for supreme satisfaction. The Masonic tide which set in some years ago shows no indication of ebbing, but, on the contrary, is assuming the proportions of a tidal wave.

“While this gives pleasure to those who love the Order, and fully justifies gratulation, the thoughtful Mason feels the burden of augmented responsibility and increased obligation. Will the Order rise to its opportunity? Will it meet and faithfully discharge its duty to mankind? These are questions with which it must concern itself, and which it must affirmatively answer, if it justify its right to be.

“We believe that it will; and in this hope, and firm in this belief, with faith in the power of its teachings, assured of the imminence of God in the affairs of men, and with a trust, fixed and unshakable, in His guidance, undaunted and unafraid, we set our face gladly and joyously to the future, assured of the full fruition of its glorious promises.”

And then he adds the following:

“NON SUM QUALIS ERAM.

“Since the foregoing report was written, the Grand Chapter of Kentucky has held its Annual Convocation, and the Grand High Priest has appointed another Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters, Past Grand High Priest, Harry Bailey. In taking leave of the Companions who have labored with him for so long in this field of endeavor, and whom he has learned to know and to appreciate, the writer wishes in a very personal manner to express his sincere thanks to them for their unfailing courtesy and for the words uniformly of commendation they have spoken of his work, and to commend to them his successor. *Au revoir*, Companions. This is less formal than ‘Good-bye.’ ”

Auf Wiedersehen Companion CLARKE.

JOHN C. WORSHAM, M. E. Grand High Priest.

HOWARD R. FRENCH, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Tuesday, February 6, 1912, at twelve o'clock M.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion J. B. ADAMS, delivered his annual address, from which we quote as follows:

“It is with great pleasure that I extend to you a cordial and sincere greeting as we assemble in this the Sixty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana. And in doing so I realize that it is through the infinite goodness of the Great I Am that we are again permitted to assemble within these walls, where we can receive the hand of fellowship from those with whom we are united by the most sacred ties of brotherhood, and consult as to the best methods of promoting the principles of our beloved fraternity. As I stand before you today, occupying the highest position which it is in your power to bestow, I realize how great is the honor you have conferred upon me, as well as its attendant responsibility. If in the performance of the duties incumbent upon the Grand High Priest, I have been derelict, and failed to merit your commendation, it has not been because of a lack of interest in the work of Royal Arch Masonry, but because of business affairs that demanded my attention. Over my frailties and omissions I trust you will cast the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love.”

and also the following recommendation:

“I would recommend that where an applicant has been elected to receive the Capitular Degrees, and objection is thereafter made, that the objector be required to make known his objections to the Chapter, and let them decide by vote as to whether the degrees should be conferred or not.

“In this connection I would say, that while according to Masonic law it is the inalienable right of a Mason to cast a black ball, or file an objection, it is not Masonry nor justice to use those means to gratify a little personal spite. The only way to put a stop to such unjust privileges is to adopt such a law as I have suggested. This venting a little personal spite against a Brother by keeping him out of the higher degrees, is getting to be so common that many Jurisdictions are seriously considering how best to put a stop to it.”

In his conclusion he says:

“And now, my beloved Companions, I assure you that in relinquishing the gavel as your Grand High Priest, *I do not relinquish one particle of my zeal for Royal Arch Masonry*, and may the blessing of heaven rest upon each and all of you is my prayer.”

The italics are ours. How often, oh! how often, does the zeal depart with the laying down of the sceptre of authority. Past officers should keep up

their interest and attend the meetings of their bodies. If they don't, but a few years need elapse to change the entire complexion of the membership and the new will not know the old. Many, many times we have heard an old Past Officer say: "I went to my Lodge (Chapter or Commandery), where I have not been for a long time, and no one knew me."

"All, all were gone! the old familiar faces."

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 3280 in 34 Chapters.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of that veteran reviewer, P. G. H. P., Companion HERMAN C. DUNCAN.

Under California, we quote the following *re* the "Texas plan":

"As a sincere friend of the Cryptic Rite we desire to applaud the report above cited. The trouble with the Cryptic Rite for a number of years last passed has in our opinion been the superabundance of its injudicious friends who have been constantly seeking for external props for it. Even the proposal of them has been a serious detriment to the Rite. We believe that there is enough to the Rite to justify the belief that it has sufficient inherent strength to stand by itself. If in any Jurisdiction it has not, then let its Grand Council be dissolved, and let its Councils pass under the General Grand Council, or let the Grand Council be consolidated with that of an adjoining State."

Yes! let every tub stand on its own bottom.

Under Pennsylvania, after quoting Companion MEREDITH *re* the attempts he thought were making to "Modernize Freemasonry," Companion DUNCAN says:

“We agree with him so far as ‘construction’ goes, but must ask to differ as to ‘interpretation.’ For ourselves we would not shut out hope of doing better things, and of finding a ‘more excellent way.’

“He suggests that the Correspondence Committees take up the agitation of bringing about the adoption by the several Jurisdictions of a uniform certificate for the identification so far as documentary evidence goes of the traveling Companion. We present the matter as requested, but have for ourselves serious doubts of the efficacy of the proposed guard. We shall wait to hear argument before forming judgment.

“The review of our Proceedings was written by Companion Stockton Bates. It is of those of 1909. His quotations are very ample. He says that Grand High Priest Kramer’s defense of Rituals ‘sounds strange to Pennsylvania ears.’ ”

We have read Companion DUNCAN’s report with much interest and satisfaction. It is a veritable *multum in parvo*.

H. F. RUGAN, M. E. Grand High Priest.

RICHARD LAMBERT, R. E. Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MAINE.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine held its Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Portland, Tuesday evening, May 7, 1912, at seven o’clock.

Grand High Priest DORMAN presented his annual report, which was a business document throughout, dealing strictly with matters pertaining to the Jurisdiction. He says no decisions were called for dur-

ing the year. In speaking of the Schools of Instruction, two of which were held during the year, he says: "I trust that the coming year will see a marked improvement in this respect, as otherwise I do not believe it would be wise to continue them." Six Dispensations were granted during the year, all of which seem to have been for good reasons shown, and none to hasten Candidates through the Chapter.

The reports of the Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand High Priests, are printed in full and show many visitations and much good work done.

The Grand Chapter of Utah was recognized and hearty greetings and good wishes for its future prosperity extended.

The consolidated report shows sixty-six Chapters enrolled; four hundred ninety-three exaltations during the year, thirty-five affiliated and sixteen reinstated, making a gross gain of five hundred and forty-four, with a total loss from all causes of two hundred and ninety-three, leaving a net increase of two hundred and fifty-one. A total membership on April 1, 1912, of 9917.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion HERBERT HARRIS; this is his tenth report, and in it he reviews sixty-three Jurisdictions, covering one hundred and fifteen pages. Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, being accorded three pages and liberal quotations from the Grand High

Priest's address as well as Companions MEREDITH and BATES' reports in the foreign correspondence.

Comp. CHARLES B. DAVIS, Grand High Priest.

Comp. STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence Comp. WILLIAM D. PATTERSON.

J. M. C.

MARYLAND—1911.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the city of Baltimore, Thursday, November 23, 1911, at seven o'clock, Pennsylvania being represented. The proceedings are contained in a beautifully printed volume of one hundred and seventy-seven pages, embellished with a splendid picture of Grand High Priest DANIEL J. ENRICH as a frontispiece, and what many of his Brethren appreciate still more, a most excellent likeness of Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, P. D. G. H. P., writer of the correspondence report, the present one being his thirty-fifth. Long may this Nestor of correspondence be with us.

The Grand High Priest's address is a carefully prepared *resume* of the work done during the year and shows a great amount of arduous labor performed. A Board of Inspectors for the City of Baltimore was appointed. These have perfected them-

selves in the work and the Grand High Priest would like to have extended the system throughout the State, but could not see his way clear to do so. Better adopt the District Deputy Grand High Priest system, which flourishes so well and gives such excellent results on the adjacent soil of Pennsylvania.

Five dispensations are reported, all for good causes shown, and none to shorten the time for petitioners.

The Grand Lecturer reports that during six months he has visited seventeen Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in his hands of \$3,820.31, after the payment of \$3,520.08 for current expenses.

The Grand Secretary's summary shows a membership of three thousand five hundred and twenty-two as of November 23, 1911, a net gain of two hundred and eighty-six. There were exalted during the year three hundred and thirty-six.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, this being his thirty-fifth. He has also written the report on Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Maryland twenty-five times, which makes sixty reports prepared by this Masonic Historian and Veteran.

When we consider the physical handicaps under which Companion SCHULTZ labors, he being totally

blind, it makes us boys blush that we have done so little.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed and Past Grand High Priest protests against the present day tendency of modernizing Freemasonry, approvingly quoted.

In concluding his report Companion SCHULTZ says:

“It is with a heart overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, that after these many months of labor I find myself as fresh as when I commenced, and I think that after a few days’ rest I could be ready to commence the preparation of next year’s reports. Whether I will be permitted to do so is known only to him to whom all things are known. If, however, this be my final conclusion, may it also be my benediction to my Brethren and Companions of the Corps, my good friends in and out of the Fraternity and to all good Masons wheresoever dispersed.”

Companion CHARLES B. FINLEY, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MARYLAND—1912.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore, Thursday, November 21, 1912, at seven o’clock P. M.

The proceedings of the Convocation come in a beautifully printed and well-indexed volume of two hundred and sixty-four pages, with a half-tone por-

trait of M. E. Companion CHARLES B. FINLEY, Grand High Priest, as a frontispiece.

There was a full representation of the Grand Officers, except Grand Scribe; that chair wore the emblem of mourning, as R. E. Companion CHARLES E. POSTLEY died April 7, 1912.

A large number of officers of Subordinate Chapters were duly installed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, assisted by the other officers.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a very brief resume of the work during the year. He expresses regret that sickness, and other duties interfered with his visiting as many of the Subordinate Chapters as he expected, when installed into office. He reports four Dispensations granted, two to elect officers and two to ballot on petitions for membership, out of time, and states that

“All those for accelerating the conferring of degrees were in my judgment highly meritorious cases, justifying a relaxation of the most salutary regulation requiring the stipulated delay.”

In reference to the Board of Inspectors of work for the City of Baltimore, he reports that twice during his administration he met with the Board, but points out the fact that they have no power except to counsel and advise the Chapters, leaving the Chapters free to accept or reject the advice as they see fit. While this is no doubt true, yet it seems to us a step in the right direction. True, the Grand Inspectors may have only advisory or admonitory

power, yet we feel sure that should they find anything radically wrong in a Chapter, which the Chapter would not willingly correct on request, a report to the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter would bring sure and effectual results. We note with pleasure that the Grand High Priest continued the Grand Inspectors for another year. We hope to see it extended to the entire State before long.

In closing his address the Grand High Priest pays a fitting tribute to those who have been officially associated with him for so many years.

The Grand Lecturer reports having visited sixteen Chapters during the year and finding an earnest effort on the part of the membership to conform to the laws of the Grand Chapter and a sincere desire to become more familiar with the history and symbolism of Masonry.

The Board of Inspectors for the City of Baltimore reported that by one or more of their members they visited seven Chapters each a number of times. They report that great courtesy and good feeling was shown on the occasions of their visitation and report a steady improvement of the work in each Chapter visited.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows receipts \$6,813.00, balance on hand last year \$3,741.13, disbursements \$3,361.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$7,193.13.

A complete roster of the officers and members of all Subordinate Chapters is printed, which takes a good many pages. The recapitulation shows the present membership to be 3692, a net gain for the year of 170. The whole number exalted during the year was 261. There are twenty-four Subordinate Chapters. There was an average gross gain in each Subordinate Chapter of $10\frac{7}{8}$ members during the year. We note, however, that two Chapters did no work at all during the year, while one Chapter (a new one) exalted 43.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by the Dean of the Correspondents, Companion EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, this being his thirty-sixth report.

While Companion SCHULTZ says in closing his report that he has been blind for fifteen years, no one who carefully reads his reports on the Committee on Correspondence would ever suspect it. We are certain of one thing, that while he may not be able physically to read the different proceedings, yet nothing worthy of note misses that keen mental vision. He, like some of us who are a few years his junior, is a Mason of the old school, to whom the latter day improvements on the wisdom of the ages looks more like retrogression than progression. When we cease to reverence our Ancient Landmarks, then do we begin the disintegration of our symbolic edifice.

Pennsylvania is accorded two full pages, and a very just and complete review of our proceedings

given. He notes that Pennsylvania is the only Grand Chapter, requiring the applicant to be a Past Master by service or dispensation, when he makes application for the degrees in the Chapter.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which originally had Jurisdiction over the Royal Arch Degree, never surrendered its Jurisdiction over the Past Masters' Degree, so there you are. If you wish to join the Chapter in Pennsylvania you must be a Past Master by service or dispensation; to get that you must either have been elected and installed W. M. of your Lodge or pass the Chair by virtue of a dispensation of the Grand Master (usually issued by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District upon petition for that purpose). The process is not nearly so cumbersome as our Companions of other Jurisdictions seem to think, as it has the merit of leaving the Past Master Degree where it naturally belongs.

We note that under South Carolina he says:

“After due deliberation for a year, the Grand Chapter determined to adopt the Texas plan of requiring each Candidate for the Chapter Degrees at the time of his application to file also his application with proper fee for the Royal and Select Degrees in the Council. . . . We have some decided views upon this subject, but from some unexplainable cause the volume containing South Carolina's proceedings is the last upon our table, and as we have promised to give the remainder of our report to the printer today it is impossible for us to discuss the question at this time.”

Now, Companion SCHULTZ, don't let this occur again. We boys certainly want your full and complete views on the “Texas Plan,” as it is coming up

in a number of Grand Jurisdictions and promises to be a very live topic in Capitular Masonry for some time to come. We believe that those Jurisdictions where they employ the same Grand Lecturer for both the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, who meets with Chapters and Councils at the same Visitation, and seems to drive them in double harness in his work, will more readily accede to the Texas Plan than the Jurisdiction where they are kept rigidly apart.

M. E. Companion GUSTAV A. EITEL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion JOHN H. MILLER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, from March 7, to December 12, 1911, come to us in an excellently prepared, well-printed volume of 299 pages. This Grand Chapter, like our own, holds Quarterly Communications, except over there they call them Convocations.

At the Quarterly Convocation in March routine business was transacted and a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel presented to Grand High Priest BURRAGE. The Grand Chapter closed at 8.30, and after a short intermission the Companions listened to a Musical Program of nine numbers.

At the June Convocation, after the transaction of routine business, the Grand Representatives of the several Grand Chapters, near the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, were presented in a body and welcomed by Grand High Priest BURRAGE, who said among other things in welcoming the Visitors:

“Everywhere our scarlet banner has carried its lessons of Charity, Humility, Obedience to the laws of God and reverence for His great and Holy Name. Everywhere the lives of men have been made purer, their hearts and speech cleaner because of the presence and influence of our Capitular Rite. To you, the representatives of various Grand Chapters, we of Massachusetts give a most hearty welcome in the name of our ancient institution, dedicated to the advancement of humility, in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.”

At the September Convocation, after the transaction of routine business and a banquet, the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Comp. R. PERRY BUSH, D. D., delivered an excellent address on the origin and development of the Royal Arch. This address was purely historical and contained a great amount of valuable data. Much credit for our present ritual is given to THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

The Annual Convocation, which is the fourth Quarterly Convocation, was held in December, at which all four degrees were exemplified. We note that at each of the Convocations, Pennsylvania was represented.

One new Chapter was constituted, two Charters for new Chapters granted, and a Dispensation for a new Chapter granted. The address of Grand High Priest BURRAGE at the Annual Convocation, like all emanat-

ing from that source, is a gem. We regret that we cannot quote it in full. The following cannot but appeal to all thoughtful Masons:

“As the Chapters have relegated to oblivion the crude and unworthy horse play for former days, they are perceptibly gaining in dignity, in influence and in appeal to the better elements of the community. Whatever roughness still exists in the Chapter work of Massachusetts is kept secret and not flaunted, for every High Priest knows that, if permitted it will surely lead to the recall of the Charter of the Chapter. Several Chapters, comprising practically all those at fault, have advised me of the entire elimination of objectionable practices.”

To all of which we add a fervent “Amen.”

The writer witnessed a raising in a Blue Lodge of one of our Sister Jurisdictions a short time ago, which to a Pennsylvania Mason was shocking. Under the guise of Dramatising the work, all solemnity and beauty were entirely buried. May the day speedily come when no place shall be found in all Masonry for horse play. If men desire that kind of entertainment, let them knock at the doors of those who furnish amusement rather than instruction.

High Priest BURRAGE, in speaking of that Masonic Prince, SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, said:

“As we bend low our heads in sorrow and strike the somber chords of music in memory of those we loved, may we not also especially recall the proud and glorious record of this our friend, who was a brave and gallant soldier, a wise financier, a scholarly man of affairs and leader of men, generous in both large and small matters, an illustrious Mason who exemplified its teachings, a true lover of mankind.”

Among the decisions we note “that under the law” it is necessary to install every officer on re-election.

That the Jurisdiction of a Chapter is suspended over the territory where a Dispensation for a new Chapter is granted, such suspension becoming permanent on the issuing of a Charter.

That under the direct limitations of power no Chapter can lawfully confer the degrees upon a Mason who has lost his hand at the wrist, even though he may use an artificial hand.

One dispensation was granted to receive and ballot on a petition the same evening, and the reasons set forth therefor appear very good.

In closing his address Grand High Priest BURRAGE says:

“The result of my two years as Grand High Priest is to show me very clearly upon what firm foundation our ancient institution stands. . . . The Chapter in its clearness, simplicity, magnificence of ceremonial and insistent teachings of right living appeals with compelling power to the souls and hearts of men. Even as a century ago our Fathers listened and obeyed, foreseeing the wondrous vision of the future, so we, the children of today realize as we in turn listen to the never-old story, that the glory of the structure of today but presages the illuminating radiance of its crowning triumph in the centuries that are not yet unrolled by the hand of God.”

We note with pleasure that Most Excellent Companion BURRAGE was re-elected Grand High Priest, so we shall have the pleasure of reading his excellent addresses again.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, J. GILMAN WAITE. Fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed in the most masterly

way. The following is the only thing in the entire volume which we do not like. Companion WAITE says:

“And now for a word between ourselves. It is sometimes well for a man to stop and take account of himself. Such an inventory I have taken and worked out my own conclusion. Having for fourteen years read the proceedings of the several Jurisdictions in correspondence with ours, and collected items which it seemed might interest you, and added some suggestions of my own occasionally, I have now reached the time when it seems better that I should cease to perform that duty and let the work be done by some one new to the labor.”

With all of which we humbly beg to disagree.

Pennsylvania received a most courteous review of seven pages. A liberal quotation from that part of the Grand High Priest's address relating to “Truth” is given. The Exordium of M. E. Companion MEREDITH of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is quoted in part and the entire conclusion of Companion BATES for the Committee is given.

We have just one criticism of the proceedings of Massachusetts which we have reviewed three times. The whole volume is so interesting and valuable that it is difficult to compress it into the space allotted to the reviewer.

J. M. C.

MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 25 and 26, 1912.

The frontispiece of the proceedings is an excellent picture of the retiring Grand High Priest ELWIN F. BROWN. There is also a two page picture of the remaining fifteen elective and appointed Grand Officers.

The roll call showed one hundred forty-seven Chapters represented, four unrepresented, with a total attendance of representatives, officers, etc., of two hundred and twenty-eight.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address announced that during the year two Past Grand High Priests "had finished their tasks and willingly deposited their working tools and aprons, never to be resumed again." They were Past High Priest CHARLES D. BLANCHARD, Grand High Priest in 1895, who died at his home in Marquette, July 21, 1911; Past High Priest, Dr. CLARK E. SPENCER, Grand High Priest in 1906, who died at Port Huron, May 5, 1912.

Sixteen special dispensations were granted for apparently good and sufficient reasons; only three of them being to ballot for Candidates out of time, and in two of the cases it was done to provide Candidate for School of Instruction.

Among the decisions we note: That a member in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Scotland may petition for the Chapter degrees in Michigan; that a Chapter may remit its Treasurer's dues in consider-

ation of services rendered; that demits issued to petitioners in 1887 and 1894 are good, provided the applicant is a member in good standing in some Blue Lodge; that a Chapter may not refuse to advance a Brother who has received all the Chapter degrees, except the Royal Arch, except after a trial and conviction of a Masonic offense that three brothers who innocently applied to a Chapter other than the one in whose Jurisdiction they resided, and were regularly exalted therein, should not be compelled to imperil their standing as Royal Arch Masons by forcing them to apply to the nearest Chapter; it was, however, held that these fees should belong to the proper Chapter. All of the decisions seem to be good Masonic law, and were approved by the Grand Chapter.

As usual the Grand Chapter tinkered with their Constitution. They amended Section 8 of Article X to read:

“Should a petitioner for the Chapter degrees be rejected he shall not again apply under *one* month from the time of his rejection, nor for the next two years to any other Chapter than the one rejecting him, without the unanimous consent of said Chapter.”

The time before had been six months. Also Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution was amended, referring to transfer of membership from one Subordinate Chapter to another.

We note with pleasure that the Committee appointed to confer with a like Committee from the

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters report that the Committee from the Grand Council not conferring with the Committee during the year, and on taking the matter up with several in the Craft, we find the majority are not in favor of the so-called "Texas Plan" and we, therefore, suggest that we still gather about our own altar and sing "Michigan, my Michigan."

The Grand Treasurer's report is a very good one, showing cash on hand at beginning of the year \$9,298.61. Receipts during the year \$12,313.04, disbursements \$7,966.64, leaving cash on hand \$13,645.01, a net gain over last year of \$4,346.40. We note that they amended their Constitution again by reducing the Grand Chapter dues on members in Subordinate Chapters from fifty cents to forty cents.

The Grand Secretary's report is a very complete document, showing 1366 exaltations during the year, 136 affiliations and 23 restorations, making total of 1525, and losses by death, suspensions and withdrawals 724, leaving a net gain of 801, with a total membership December 27, 1911, of 21,484. I cannot but note one item in the report of the Grand Secretary, viz.: "Five Chapters report no members in arrears for dues over one year." Now what I want to know is, how they do it? We note, however, that thirty-six Chapters charge annual dues of \$1.00, while one charges 75 cents and another 50 cents; pretty cheap, for so great a privilege.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, covers one hundred and seventy pages and reviews fifty-seven Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is fraternally noted, being accorded four pages. A liberal quotation is made from Grand High Priest's address relating to "Truth."

We note that Companion CONOVER says that on his (the Grand High Priest's) recommendation territorial Jurisdiction was abolished. Oh, no; we do not make our law that way. We presume he refers to a decision of the Grand High Priest, which is as follows: "In Pennsylvania the Subordinate Chapters have no Jurisdiction. This belongs to the Grand Chapter only." This was simply reiterating Section 8 of Article XVII, of the Constitution of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, which says:

"The fact that a petitioner does not reside nearest to the Chapter to which he applies is no disqualification for the degrees and membership therein but if a petitioner so petitions and the Chapter inquired of replies under its seal, that a Masonic objection exists, such reply shall be entered on the minutes of the Chapter to which the petitioner has applied, and is equal to an objection which stops all proceedings of said Chapter and the petitioner is left to the same course as a rejected petitioner, as hereinafter provided."

Companion JAMES H. THOMPSON, Grand High Priest.

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota, having completed fifty years as a Grand Body, held its Fifty-first Annual Convocation in the city of St. Paul, October 8, 1912.

The proceedings of this Communication come to us very promptly in a neat volume of one hundred and twenty-five pages, embellished with a portrait of Companion JAMES G. HOUGHTON, Grand High Priest, as a frontispiece.

There was a large representation of Subordinate Chapters, as well as representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among the number represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a concise clear statement of his work and the progress of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction during the year.

He reports the appointment of a Board of Custodians of the work to which reference was made last year. Speaking of the work of this Board he says:

“Schools of instruction have been held in four out of five districts and the custodians report that the Companions attending the same, seem to appreciate the value of the instruction received. I believe that the work of the custodians will improve as this system of instruction is more fully developed and that the final results will justify this method of instruction. . . .

“As a final word on this subject, let me say that no Companion should accept an office in the gift of his Chapter unless he is willing and able to devote the time necessary to perfect himself in the ritualistic work of the

Order, and also in a knowledge of its forms and ceremonies, truths and principles, for how can one expect to be able to teach others, those things of which he himself is ignorant?"

All this is most excellent, but why stop by merely admonishing and advising the Companions as to their duties and responsibilities when they accept office. In Pennsylvania at present no officer is allowed to be installed until he is able to do the work of his station, viz., Scribe must be able to confer the Mark Degree; King, Most Excellent Master Degree and High Priest, Royal Arch Degree. This regulation is being strictly enforced, and District Deputy Grand High Priests are required to certify to the Grand High Priest as to the proficiency of the officers installed. This caused some grumbling when first enforced, but it is now working admirably, with the result that wherever we have a Chapter there we have officers qualified to do the work. The decisions were of local interest only and all approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Grand High Priest reports a number of visitations, one of which was made memorable by the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree by the Grand High Priest, all of the subordinate stations being filled by Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest during the year constituted one new Chapter and issued dispensations to form three new Chapters. Seven special dispensations were issued, all to hold elections, or install officers at a time other than that specified in their

By-Laws. No dispensations were issued to hasten on Candidates' petitions. The Charter of one Chapter was arrested by the Grand Chapter.

A resolution was adopted requiring nine petitioners for a new Chapter, and the consent of the nearest Chapter. Better have followed the lead of Michigan and Montana and made it fifteen.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$6,153.13, receipts for the year \$5,333.06, expenditures \$4,529.95, balance on hand at close of year \$6,956.24.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a gross gain of five hundred and sixty-seven, of which five hundred and four was by exaltation; a total loss of three hundred and thirty-two, leaving a net gain for the year of two hundred and thirty-five, with a total membership of eight thousand five hundred and thirty-nine.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion IRVING TODD. Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed.

Companion WILLIAM STRAFFORD, elected Grand High Priest.

Companion JOHN FISHEL, elected Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held at Hattiesburg, February 22, 1912. The volume of proceedings is embellished with a picture of Grand High Priest HARRY T. HOWARD. Sixty-nine Chapters were represented, and many Grand Chapters, but Pennsylvania was not among them.

Grand High Priest POWER in his annual address pays a loving tribute to the four Past Grand High Priests, the days of whose warfare were accomplished and who had been released during the year, viz.: M. E. Companion FREDERIC SPEED, M. E. Comp. ENOCH GEORGE DALAP, M. E. Comp. JOHN S. COBB, M. E. Comp. S. C. CONLEY. Among many things said of Past Grand High Priest SPEED we quote but one:

“He is dead, but we would not have you repeat over in sad despair those words, even in this memorial service, for, as we linger, out of other days comes the dear face we loved; the blessed memories of other days; the fragrance from the acts of kindly grace; the sterling deeds of friendship’s creed; the joy reflected from the life that he lived and that will be fruit for us in all the coming days.”

The Committee on Necrology closes its report on the death of the four Past Grand High Priests with the following:

“Poor, tired, Companions, is there no better world where thy soul shall wake and smile in the face of God? Is it all of life to live? Is it all of death to die? Is there not a Heaven where they of advanced years shall find immortal youth and where immortal life shall glorify thy face? It is so. There is a God. We look up through the telescope of faith into the blue infinite and catch glimpses of his glory. Are there no sails on those

far away summer seas? No wings to cleave the crystal air? Yes, yes, somewhere beyond this world there is infinite power and eternal life. The 'Lion of the Tribe of Judah' whispered 'Peace' to the troubled souls of our departed Companions and their weary eyes have opened to the light of a blissful immortality in the presence of the King in Glory.'"

The Grand High Priest in his annual address expressed the opinion that there were still too many Subordinate Chapters in Mississippi, and made some very drastic recommendations, looking toward the reduction of the number of Chapters; (a) by arresting the Charters of all Chapters that fail to hold as many as four stated Conclaves in twelve months. (b) By arresting the Charters of all Chapters that cannot in the judgment of the Grand Lecturer confer the Chapter degrees with some degrees of impressiveness. (c) By arresting the Charter of all Chapters that do not within six months provide themselves with suitable places of meeting. All of which seems to be very just. Recommendations (a) and (c) were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter took official notice of the order of the War Department at Washington, forbidding the placing of Masonic Emblems upon Monuments in National Cemeteries and adopted very strong resolutions condemning said order.

Charters for two new Chapters were issued and dispensations for two more Chapters granted. The Grand Secretary reports the year to have been one of unusual prosperity; more Chapters having paid dues within the statutory limit than ever before.

The office shows total receipts for the year of \$5,906.85.

We note nine dispensations to ballot out of time, with the explanation that a good many of these dispensations were granted for the purpose of allowing Chapters to elect petitioners and have them ready for the Grand Lecturer to exalt. Now right here may we be permitted to observe that this is just the thing the Grand Lecturer should not do. He should not be a professional initiator, but an instructor of the officers and members of the Chapters, so that they may be themselves able to confer the degrees. An Association of men has no right to hold a Charter, when they cannot perform the most essential part of the duties therein granted, viz.: giving Masonic light to their less informed brethren.

Five decisions are reported, four of which are on matters purely local; the other one was: Can a Past Master of the Chapter Degrees, who is not an actual Past Master, be present at the conferring of the Past Master Degree in Symbolic Masonry? Answer.—No. Now this raises the question, when is a Past Master not a Past Master?

It strikes us that this question belongs to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. We do not have any trouble about this question in Pennsylvania, as the Past Master Degree is left entirely with the Lodge where it properly belongs.

The Grand Lecturer reports seventy-six Chapters in the State, all of which were visited by him during the year, and all had quorums but five. He reports that the Chapters as a whole are in a healthy and prosperous condition, with harmony and good will prevailing; a few, he says, are on the sick list, some of them not having held any meetings since his visit the year before. According to the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, and the resolution of the Grand Chapter, there will be some Chapter funerals reported by next year, unless they show a reasonable convalescence.

The statistical summary shows, affiliated during the year 340, exalted 111, reinstated 32, error in report 18, making a gross gain of 501; loss from various causes 371, net gain 134, present membership 4269.

A complete roster of the offices and members of Subordinate Chapters is printed as an appendix. This also contains the names of those exalted, died, suspended for non-payment of dues, and demitted during the year.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion OLIVER L. MCKAY, it being his third annual report; he reviews forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, among them being Pennsylvania for 1910, which is accorded four pages. Liberal quotations are made from the Grand High Priest's address.

In closing his report Companion MCKAY says:

“It is indeed gratifying to note the increased interest growing in the effort to frown down the practice of railroading Candidates through the Chapter Degrees. We are free to admit that occasionally conditions may and do arise in individual cases necessitating the invoking of authority from the Grand High Priest to grant dispensations of this character, yet the practice has become so prevalent of late as to almost become a set rule instead of an exception to the rule, a practice to our own mind which tends to cheapen the institution and rob it of its dignity.”

To all of which we heartily say, “Amen.”

In closing this review of Mississippi it seems to us that this Jurisdiction has some very grave problems to meet and solve, but we have unlimited faith in the wisdom of the Companions who are on the ground to meet the conditions, so that this great Commonwealth will still shine with undivided luster in the Capitular firmament.

HARRY HOWARD, Grand High Priest.

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MISSOURI.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held in the city of St. Louis, April 23 to 24, 1912.

By order of the Grand High Priest, the Representatives of the several Jurisdictions arranged themselves about the altar and were formally welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

Grand High Priest AUSTIN L. McREA, in his annual, address said:

“There is more general interest in the Chapter degrees on account of their beautiful and helpful lessons than ever before. In many sections of the state, the Chapter meetings are the most vital and enthusiastic of any of the Masonic bodies. . . . The membership is appreciating the value of its inherent good qualities. The stepping stone Royal Arch Mason is now in the minority and his number is decreasing rapidly each year. Many causes are contributing to this happy result but chief among them I place the splendid and effective work done by our Grand Lecturer.”

But four dispensations were granted to hold elections where the Chapters had failed to elect at the required time. All applications for dispensations to ballot in less than the required time were refused.

The Grand High Priest reports many visitations to Chapters and a State School of Instruction. His report shows that he has given diligent personal attention to the duties of his office. Five decisions are reported, all on construction of their own Constitution, except No. 4, which was a question submitted as to the right of a High Priest of a Subordinate Chapter who received written objections to a petitioner for the degrees, receiving the same, after he was balloted for, but before any degrees were conferred.

The High Priest directed the Secretary to record the objection, but refused to divulge the names of the objectors. The Grand High Priest sustained the High Priest in his position and the Committee on Jurisprudence very properly approved the decision.

We cannot refrain from quoting at length that part of the Grand High Priest's address on the suspended Companion.

“One word relative to the Companion suspended for the non-payment of dues. Often times a Companion gets a bill for his dues; he lays it aside fully expecting to pay it. The bill becomes displaced or the matter is overlooked. The next thing he knows he receives a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for the non-payment of dues. His pride is hurt; he feels that a certain stigma has been cast upon his name; he stays away from the meeting of the Chapter, and is suspended. Deep down in his heart there is regret. While it is true that our procedure is along business lines, it is equally true that human nature is not always constructed along those lines. I believe that many of the Companions suspended for non-payment of dues could be saved to their Chapters if some personal friend of the Companion in arrears would speak to him about his membership before the Secretary sends out his notice to appear and show cause. My observation is that it is easier to keep a Companion in the Chapter than it is to get a new member.”

All of which has the true ring and is not only good Masonry, but good sense, and, in the great majority of cases, good business.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the year of \$18,633.05. Receipts during the year of \$13,642.77, expenditures \$15,222.24, leaving a balance of \$17,053.58. We note one item of the expenditures was \$4,000.00 to the Masonic Home.

The Grand Secretary reports 104 Chapters with a net membership December 31, 1911, of 13,083, a net gain for the year of 434. There were during the year 919 exaltations.

A financial statement of the condition of the Subordinate Chapters shows that they have total assets

of \$185,903.50, of which amount \$40,377.36 is in cash, and \$46,584.35 is in clothing and furniture, and \$80,390.49 in real estate, bonds, notes, &c.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion JOHN HENDERSON MILLER and fills some eighty-three pages, in which he reviews fifty-nine Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, and liberal quotations are made from the address of the Grand High Priest. Companion LOUIS E. VOGLESANG, the Grand Lecturer was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion ROBERT F. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

MONTANA.

The Twenty-second Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana was held in the city of Missoula, on Tuesday, September 19, 1911. Fifty-two, including the Grand Officers, were present at the opening. The proceedings are printed in a neat volume of one hundred sixty pages, with a half-tone photograph of HENRY J. RAINSFORD, Grand High Priest, as a frontispiece.

While this Grand Chapter is numerically small, having but eighteen chartered Subordinate Chapters and three under dispensation, with a total membership of seventeen hundred eighty-eight, there is an air about it that betokens one of the most alive, up-to-

date, Capitular bodies in the United States. The whole tone of the proceedings is buoyant with reports of progress, of work well done, of enthusiasm among the Craft, and yet all tempered with that respect and reverence for the landmarks of the institution, that shows a true appreciation of the principles of Capitular Masonry.

Surely the Companions of Montana have been fortunate in the selection of Grand Officers, who can bring about such results.

But one Chapter in the State has over two hundred members, and five Chapters have between one and two hundred members. During the year one hundred fifty-six were exalted, which resulted in a net gain in membership during the year of one hundred thirty.

The Grand High Priest's address is a model, in that he sticks right to a full report of the work he has done, and it seems to have been well done. He reports the constituting of one new Chapter and the issuing of a dispensation to a number of Companions to institute a new Chapter. No other dispensations were asked for, during the year. Eleven Chapters were officially visited during the year, some of them involving journeys of a day and night, by rail and stage to reach the Chapter, and others when sixteen inches of snow made the going soft at least. Under report of visit to Carbon Chapter under dispensation, he says:

“I learned at Billings that Carbon Chapter had invited some of the Companions from Billings Chapter to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree on Sunday. On my return home I wrote to the Deputy Grand High Priest Allen, to visit this Chapter and instruct them that their work must be done by their own officers and not on a Sunday.”

Now this sounds very good to us. We believe that no body of men should be entrusted with authority to do that which they cannot perform, or to teach others that of which they themselves are ignorant. As to meetings on Sunday, we think the reverence taught for God in Capitular Masonry should carry with it a reverence for his Holy Day. While a Chapter meeting might be as sacred as the public or private worship of the individuals, our experience is that it is not, and the whole tendency of Lodge meetings on Sunday, is to break down, rather than build up and maintain the Sanctity of the Sabbath. The Grand High Priest deserves commendation for his instructions on this matter.

But one decision is reported, and that was upon the sufficiency of a demit from an English Chapter. Among the recommendations of the Grand High Priest is one that at least fifteen signatures be necessary to obtain a dispensation for the forming of a new Chapter, which recommendation was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Chapter. Year by year we see the tendency is to increase the number necessary to form a new Chapter in all the Jurisdictions, which seems a very wise regulation. And while the tendency is towards strengthening new Chapters by requiring a sufficient

number of signers to guarantee the proper maintenance thereof, we have sometimes wondered if a limitation should not be imposed in the other direction. We doubt whether the individual members of a Chapter having from five hundred to fifteen hundred members receive anything like the benefit that the members of a Chapter with a hundred members do. The best fruit is not borne by the tree which is allowed to grow unrestrained to a great height, but by the tree which is pruned and kept within due bounds.

We note that Companion FRANCIS E. HELLER, a Past High Priest, of Washington Chapter No. 220 of Pennsylvania, now a resident of Montana and a member of Helena Chapter No. 2, was elected to permanent membership in the Grand Chapter of Montana.

The Grand Chapter of Utah was formally recognized and a telegram sent congratulating the Companions of Utah and extending the good wishes of Montana for their future prosperity.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that two of the Chapters under dispensation be granted Charters, and one dispensation be continued, which recommendations were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Companion CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., whom we blame for many of the good

things in the Grand Chapter of Montana. The report covers eighty-two pages, in which he reviews fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded two pages of fraternal review. He says June Convocation was notable for an exemplification of the Most Excellent Degree. Well, now we always do that at the June Convocation, and exemplify the Mark Degree in March, and the Royal Arch in September. This is done every year.

Companion HENRY M. ALLEN, Grand High Priest.

Companion CORNELIUS HEDGES, JR., Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEBRASKA.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held in Omaha, December 13, 1911.

The proceedings come to us in a neat volume of one hundred and twenty-six pages, "published for the private information of the Craft."

Thirty-four of the fifty-six chartered Chapters were represented. The annual address of Grand High Priest POWELL, dealt with purely local matters and but one decision on a minor point is reported. The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance in his hands of \$7,148.48. The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 4494, a net gain of 84 mem-

bers for the year. There were 233 exalted during the year.

The Grand Lecturer reports that "during the past year I have not been called upon to visit any of our Chapters to give instructions in the work." The report last year was similar and it either shows great proficiency of the Companions of Nebraska or, a somewhat lamentable lack of interest in the correctness of their work.

In this connection we note that "a general discussion ensued in relation to *conditions* in some of the smaller Chapters, and it was decided that some action should be taken during the year to infuse new life into them, or have them surrender their Charters." At this distance it looks to us as though there was considerable room for the active efforts of a Grand Lecturer, whether requested or not for instruction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion CHARLES J. PHELPS, it being his twentieth report.

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed, a number of decisions of Grand High Priest being quoted, particularly the one stating that a Master Mason has the unqualified right to apply to any Chapter in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, for the degrees and membership. We have endeavored to explain this decision under the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in our report on Michigan.

We supposed they held an election at their annual meeting, but we failed to find any mention thereof in their printed proceedings. We note, however, that the proceedings are signed by JOHN HARPER, Grand High Priest, and FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEVADA.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada was held in the Masonic Temple at Reno, June 10 and 11, 1912.

The somewhat belated copy of the proceedings came to us (February 3, 1913) in a very neat and well indexed volume of 154 pages, ornamented with a picture of HENRY W. MILES, Grand High Priest, 1911-1912, as a frontispiece; also containing portraits of A. L. FITZGERALD, Grand High Priest 1884-1885; RUFUS HIRAM KENNEY, Grand High Priest 1894-1895, and of MATTHEW KYLE, Grand High Priest 1897-1898.

The Roll Call at the opening showed nine of the ten Subordinate Chapters represented, all but one of the Grand Officers, and twelve Past Grand High Priests present, also Pennsylvania's Grand Representative. After the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives was completed, the Grand Captain of the Host presented the Grand Representatives of the

several Grand Jurisdictions at the Altar, where they were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, who said *inter alia*:

“You represent jurisdictions widely removed in point of space, yet bound to us by the closest of Fraternal ties, thus teaching by impressive object lesson, that Masonry is universal, knowing no North, no South, no East, no West, it belongs to no one land, nation or race.

“No pent up Utica contracts your powers,
But the whole boundless continent is yours,

broad as humanity it builds upon an enduring foundation.

“The Altar of Masonry may be found wherever civilization exists, centers of light and learning; in some lands the bulwark of the throne, where the throne is responsive to the popular will; in some, standing firmly against superstition and intolerance; sometimes furnishing the ground in which the seeds of liberty germinate and flourish; everywhere supporting constitutional government, as the Pillars of the Porch supported the Temple.”

R. E. WALTER E. PRATT, of Goldfield Chapter No. 10, made an appropriate response in behalf of the various Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a complete resume of his work for the year, in which he pays a glowing tribute to the deceased of that and other Jurisdictions. No decisions are reported and the recommendations made are purely local in their application.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand June 21, 1911, of \$642.99; receipts during the year \$834.00; total \$1,476.99; disbursements \$651.34, leaving a balance of \$826.65.

The recapitulation of the returns shows last year 458 Royal Arch Masons; gained this year by exaltations 28, by affiliations 5, error in last year's report 2, total 35. Losses by demission, death, suspension, expulsion 28, leaving now on the roll 465; we note that the losses exactly equalled the exaltations for the year.

The "Report on Foreign Correspondents" comprises seventy-five pages from the pen of Companion GEORGE GILSON, it being his second annual report. He also announces that it is his last, because other duties in the Grand Secretary's office require all his time. Pennsylvania for 1911 is briefly reviewed, and there is a quotation from Companion MEREDITH's opening of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companion GILSON quotes quite liberally from proceedings of some of the Jurisdictions reviewed, but does not give us the benefit of his personal view.

M. E. Companion FRED M. SCHADLER, Grand High Priest.

Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick held its Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of St. John, August 23, 1911. Eight Subor-

dinate Chapters were represented, and fourteen Grand Jurisdictions; Pennsylvania was not among those represented.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address reports having visited all but one of the Subordinate Chapters during the year, and that all were in prosperous condition.

The Grand Secretary's report shows dues and fees collected by the Grand Chapter \$318.80. Fifty were exalted during the year. The losses by death, suspensions and withdrawals were fifty-one, net gain nine. The total membership at present 790.

The Executive Committee recommended new clothing for the Grand Officers, which recommendation was agreed to by the Grand Chapter.

No Committee on Foreign Correspondence and no report.

Companion W. LEONARD ELLIS, re-elected Grand High Priest.

J. M. C.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire held its Ninety-third Annual Convocation in the city of Concord, Tuesday, May 14, 1912.

The proceedings come to us in a neatly printed volume of three hundred forty-eight pages. The frontispiece is a half-tone picture of M. E. Com-

panion JOHN LYNCH, Grand High Priest 1911. Eighteen Chapters and twenty-six Grand Chapters, among them Pennsylvania, were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address deals purely with local matters, and regrets that owing to his business relations during the year, it had been necessary for him to depend almost entirely for visitations upon the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest ELMER D. GOODWIN.

A loving tribute is paid to the Companions who, during the year, have lain down the mallet and chisel, and entered that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. That which to us is symbolism has to them become reality.

But three dispensations are reported, two of them being to hold communications in new Masonic Temples and one to elect officers.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and Grand Captain of the Host, each make complete written reports, from which it would appear that most, if not all, of the Subordinate Chapters had been officially visited during the year by a Grand Officer. Their reports show the Chapters to be in excellent condition, and doing satisfactory work. The close personal supervision of the Subordinate Chapters by the Grand Officers seems to produce excellent results in this Jurisdiction, as we believe it will in any Jurisdiction where it is followed for a number of years.

The report of the Committee on Chapters and returns shows twenty-six Subordinate Chapters with a membership of four thousand three hundred eighty-nine, being a net increase of seventy-four for the year; total number exalted during the year one hundred eighty. The abstract of returns shows that every Chapter did work during the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion J. L. SEWARD, and comprises two hundred seventy-three pages, reviewing fifty-six Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is reviewed for the years 1910 and 1911 and is accorded nine pages. In the review for 1910, the remarks of the Grand High Priest on electioneering are quoted in full. A very complete resume of the different Quarterly Communications and the Annual Communication is given, and some excellent observations made on Constitutions of Grand Chapters which are so constructed as to necessitate devising ways "to get around them." However, the application is not to Pennsylvania in particular, but to Grand Chapter Constitutions in general. The advice to frame reasonable Constitutions and then stick to them seems to us to be both seasonable and sensible.

Companion FRANK RUSSELL MARSTON, Grand High Priest.

Companion HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey was held in the rooms of Three-Times-Three Chapted No. 5, Trenton, May 15, 1912, A. I. 2442.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Form* at ten o'clock A. M., the Grand Chaplain conducting the devotional services.

The roll was called, and the following officers were found to be present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. RALPH R. EICHLIN,	.	.	.	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
V. E. ABRAM A. REGER,	.	.	.	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
E. LORENZO D. SANBORN,	.	.	.	<i>Grand King.</i>
E. ROBERT A. MEEKER,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
M. E. EDWARD MILLS,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
M. E. PETER MCGILL,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
E. FRED. J. MELVIN,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Captain of Host.</i>
E. FRED. T. CRANE,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
E. WM. HERBERT LOWE,	.	.	.	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
M. E. DANIEL L. CAMPBELL,	.	.	.	} <i>Grand Trustees.</i>
M. E. NELSON Y. DUNGAN,	.	.	.	
M. E. JOSEPH MASON,	.	.	.	

The proceedings contain fine engravings of several Past Grand High Priests. The address of the Grand High Priest shows that he was busy for very many of his working hours attending to his duties, and is a fine exhibit of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Jersey. He reports on the condition of the craft as follows:

Number of members last reported,	6,404
Exalted during the year,	500
Reinstated during the year,	22
Affiliated during the year,	24
	<hr/> 546
Total,	6,950
Demitted during the year,	52
Died during the year,	106
Suspended during the year,	77
	<hr/> 235
Total membership,	6,715
Net gain,	311

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

“To the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey:

“Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have carefully examined the constitution of the Grand Chapter of Utah and the pleasing account of coincident ceremonies attending its establishment, and find all its acts to accord with the strictest Masonic regularity, and marked with evidences of thoughtful judgment which would do credit to organizations of older growth. We therefore recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Utah and the interchange of representatives therewith in accordance with their request, and extend to them our hearty congratulations.

“The attitude of our Grand Chapter in the matter of formally recognizing the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Wyoming still seems in some quarters misunderstood, and in others is commented upon in uncomplimentary, not to say unfriendly, terms. We know, as all should know, that these Grand Chapters are sovereign bodies lawfully constituted, from which New Jersey could not, if it would, withhold fraternal recognition. The failure on our part to invite an interchange of representatives is the only point upon which we can be justly criticized, the reason for which we have tried again and again to explain, and we think with sufficient clearness to make it intelligible to all who care to understand.

“To correct this erroneous conception of our motives, it might be well to state more plainly to these Grand Chapters our formal recognition of them, and this we recommend. If the Grand Chapter now deem it proper to invite an exchange of representatives with them, following the example of a large majority of other Jurisdictions, your Committee would not feel it a rebuke, but as to this we have no present recommendation to make.

“It affords your Committee pleasure to state that throughout the wide field of our observation no Jurisdiction for wise and conservative legislation receives more general favor than our own.

“HENRY S. HAINES,
 “PETER MCGILL,
 “NELSON Y. DUNGAN,
“Committee.”

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing Capitular year. M. E. Companion JOSEPH MASON was appointed Judge of Election, with M. E. Companions JOHN B. BERTHOLF and ANDREW J. BALE as Tellers. The votes were cast with results as follows:

Companion	ABRAM A. REGER, No. 25, .	<i>Grand High Priest.</i>
“	LORENZO D. SANBORN, No. 9,	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
“	ROBERT A. MEEKER, No. 24,	<i>Grand King.</i>
“	FREDERICK J. MELVIN, No. 39,	<i>Grand Scribe.</i>
“	EDWARD MILLS, No. 19, .	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
“	PETER MCGILL, No. 13, .	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
“	FRED. T. CRANE, No. 23, .	<i>Grand Captain of Host.</i>
“	WM. HERBERT LOWE, No. 33,	<i>Grand Principal Sojourner.</i>
“	ANDREW N. MCKINNON, No. 7,	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain.</i>
“	DANIEL L. CAMPBELL, No. 33,	} <i>Grand Trustees.</i>
“	NELSON Y. DUNGAN, No. 25,	
“	JOSEPH MASON, No. 33, .	

HENRY S. HAINES, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a very able report. I give what he has to say concerning the “Past Master Degree,” as it is very clearly and admirably stated from his viewpoint. I have only room for a part:

“Less than usual seems to be said in disparagement of the Past Master Degree, which in the expressed opinion of some should be excluded from our ceremonies, and by others, relegated to the Symbolic Lodge to which they erroneously allege it properly belongs. No one who has bestowed careful thought upon this subject could adopt either of these theories as a proper one. As a degree, there is no place for it in Ancient Craft Masonry, where it is

nothing more than a ceremony preceding installation; while in the Capitular System, as established in America, it plays a conspicuous and important part when rendered with the dignity with which it was intended to be invested; and its lessons, except those pertaining in other degrees to spiritual life, are as impressive and as worthy of observance as any which precede or follow them.

“The genesis and the purpose of this degree as a prelude to the Royal Arch is too familiar to need explanation here. It stands absolutely independent of the ancient preparatory rite. The one is a ceremony of installation; the other is a degree. The one prepares its recipient to preside over a Lodge of Master Masons; the other is a prerequisite to the Royal Arch Degree, just as the Entered Apprentice Degree is a prerequisite to that of Fellow Craft, and would be just as apt by some other name than that given it. Among its most striking lessons are those which guard us against a breach of our pledges, encouraging faithfulness, instill a reverence and respect for law; lead us to realize the force of moral and social responsibility, our duty to be self-controlled and moderate in the exercise of authority or power and, however exalted in station, to realize and acknowledge our dependence upon the bounty of Providence and the charity and forbearance of those around us.”

Pennsylvania is very fully reviewed.

G. H.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in its Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation in the Hall of Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, Tuesday, May 21, 1912, at eight o'clock P. M., and opened in *Ample Form*.

HUGH A. MURRILL, Grand High Priest. The proceedings are in a handsome volume, covering 131 pages, and with a fine engraving of the Grand High Priest, H. A. MURRILL, for 1911-1912.

The Grand High Priest in his address is of opinion that "notwithstanding the turmoil and strife of the outer world, Masonically the world has moved along peacefully and pleasantly, with a steady growth—that in [his] Jurisdiction there has been a larger increase in membership than for many years, that there is a stronger unity in brotherly love, that better work has been done along ritual lines and the finances are in good condition." Surely this is an admirable state of affairs.

I give the correspondence and decision of the Grand High Priest in one case:

"March the 27th.—Under date of March 20th, Companion James Southgate, Secretary of Durham Chapter No. 48, wrote me the following letter:

" 'Durham, N. C., March 20th, 1912.

" 'Hugh A. Murrill, G. H. P.,

" 'Charlotte, N. C.

" 'MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION:—The question arose in our Chapter last night as to whether we could take through at one meeting, more than one team of three in the Royal Arch Degree. Masons from Georgia and Virginia were present who said it was done in their states by obligating three at a time and then giving them to be taken through as a class by the Principal Sojourner, and thus save time when there are many candidates. The man from Georgia said he had been present when nine were exalted.

" 'Give me your views on this subject, please. I can see no trouble if three are given the first section and then throw all in a class when more than three are taking the degree.

" 'Yours fraternally,

" 'JAMES SOUTHGATE, *Secretary.*'

"To this I replied by wire.

" 'Receive the candidates under the Living Arch and obligate them in sets of three. Then take them as a class through the rest of the work.'

" 'I would like to have an expression of opinion from the Grand Chapter upon this question.'"

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved this decision.

The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Western Australia be recognized and welcomed to the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and friendly relations be established by the appointment of Representatives.”

Concerning the matter of Jurisdiction between Chapters, the following was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

“*Resolved*, That the Grand High Priest, in his discretion, upon investigation of the facts as to the accessibility of location and facility of travel between points involved, may transfer jurisdiction of territory from one Subordinate Chapter to another more accessible to the section affected by his order; Provided, this shall not apply to territory nearer to the Chapter location encroached upon than one-fourth the distance between such two Chapters.”

The Grand Secretary in his report gives statistics as follows:

Last year’s report showed 40 Chapters on the roll. During the year Dispensations were issued to revive Conoho Chapter at Williamston, and to form Lenoir Chapter and Minneapolis Chapter. These Chapters are now at work and make 43 Chapters on the roll. All have made returns and paid dues except Louisburg No. 26 and Thomasville No. 62. In this report I have placed the membership of these two Chapters the same as last year.

My last report showed a membership of	2,623
The work of the year has been:	
Exalted	333
Admitted	74
Reinstated	15
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	422
Demitted	73
Died	38
Suspended	8
Excluded, N. P. D.	47
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Showing a net gain of	256
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And a present membership of	2,879

The Committee on Correspondence review quite at length Pennsylvania. The reviewer gives a most admirable sketch of the doings of the several Grand Chapters.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year was then gone into, Companions OLDHAM, SHUFORD, ANDERSON and GREEN acting as Tellers, with the following result:

JOHN E. CAMERON, (38).....*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
 JOHN T. ALDERMAN, (54).....*R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
 ALBERT S. GUERARD, (25).....*R. E. Grand King.*
 GEORGE S. NORFLEET, (24).....*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
 MARTIN S. WILLARD, (1).....*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
 JAMES C. MUNDS, (1).....*R. E. Grand Secretary.*
 HARRY E. REID, (22).....*R. E. Grand Captain of the Host.*
 ORPHEUS W. SPENCER, (20).....*R. E. Grand Principal Sojourner.*
 JOSEPH F. RHEM, (46).....*R. E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
 REUBEN H. PICKETT, (1).....*R. E. Grand Master of the Third Veil.*
 JOHN J. PHOENIX, (13).....*R. E. Grand Master of the Second Veil.*
 EDWIN GLADMON, (61).....*R. E. Grand Master of the First Veil.*

The Grand High Priest-elect made the following appointments:

REV. MORRISON BETHEA, (12).....*E. Grand Chaplain.*
 ROBERT H. BRADLEY, (10).....*E. Grand Sentinel.*

The Grand Officers were then installed by Past Grand High Priest A. B. ANDREWS, JR.

G. H.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota convened in the Masonic Temple at

Minot, North Dakota, Thursday, June 20, A. D. 1912, A.: I.: 2442, at ten o'clock A. M.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota present us with not only an engraving of ANTON BARTLETT, Grand High Priest 1911-1912, but also give a short sketch of his life. I have often thought how fine it would be if we might know more of our distinguished Brethren in Freemasonry before they passed away, and I was really glad to learn something about the man who served as Grand High Priest of North Dakota.

The Grand High Priest in his address says concerning the condition of the craft:

“In spite of two successive years of rather stringent financial conditions throughout the state, I am happy to report that there has been a gain in membership. True the number of exaltations has not been as great as previous years, yet all but three Chapters show an increase in membership. The loss in these three is comparatively heavy, due, in one instance, to demissions to form a prospective Chapter, and in the other two cases to suspensions N. P. D.

“Peace and harmony has prevailed throughout the year, consequently the duties of your Grand High Priest have been altogether pleasant.”

Twenty Chapters; membership 2362.

In the treasury, \$12,421.

There is no report from any Committee on Correspondence.

I gather from the whole report of the proceedings that a financial depression in North Dakota limited the numbers joining Royal Arch Masonry in the State.

G. H.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand High Priest's address shows him to have a painstaking care over the Royal Craft in Nova Scotia. Many visitations to Subordinate Chapters, careful supervision of their work and examination of their records. Such a Grand High Priest is a boon to any Grand Chapter. He states that he has not been called upon to make any decisions. His dispensations were few, but necessary.

The Board of General Purposes practically maps out the work to be done by the Grand Chapter, through its power of recommendation. It appoints, for instance, a Committee on the Grand High Priest's address, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, a Committee on Finance and Audit, a Committee on Credentials, and a Committee on Printing.

The Grand Secretary reports, in part:

“An analysis of the returns shows the following: Exalted, 95; Affiliated, 6; reinstated, 6; demitted, 8; suspended, 11; died, 17; missing, 4; making a net increase of 67, and total membership on April 30th, 1911, of 1340.”

Seventeen Chapters.

The proceedings contain a complete list of all the Royal Arch Chapters and Companions under the Jurisdiction of Nova Scotia, with the statistics of each Chapter.

JOHN HAY, Grand High Priest.

S. I. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence calls attention to the salient points in the administration of P. G. H. P. SUNDSTROM.

G. H.

OHIO.

The proceedings occupy a volume of fully 350 pages, including a very able and voluminous report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The address of the Grand High Priest is mainly an account of his doings as an officer in high place.

Inspectors are appointed in this Jurisdiction, whose duties correspond to those of District Deputies in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest's report shows him to have been a very busy man, visiting 23 Chapters.

It seems that the Grand Chapter of Ohio has a representative in the Ohio Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for M. E. Companion KIRKUP reports having attended, on February 23, such a Council, and "was duly welcomed as your representative." This may be all right, but I fail to see any connection between the two bodies which requires a representative.

The Grand Secretary reported in part as follows:

Number of active chartered Chapters, 172. Under dispensation, Vacant numbers, 18. Highest number assigned, 190.

Number of members July 31, 1911	31,703
Exalted	2,374
Admitted	166
Reinstated	258
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	34,501

From which deduct:

Died	423
Withdrawn	252
Suspended N. P. D.	399
Suspended U. M. C.	1
Expelled	11
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	1,086

Present membership, July 31, 1912 33,415

The matter of concurrent Jurisdiction was acted upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

“The law of the Grand Chapter in regard to the subject of concurrent jurisdiction has been, ever since the recognition of that kind of jurisdiction, and is now, in an unsatisfactory shape, and seems to your committee to need such changes as may make it certain and easily understood. The law of the Grand Lodge upon the subject is much more definite and complete than our own provisions, and it would seem to be wise to so change our Code as to make the Grand Chapter law uniform with that of the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the following amendments be made at this time, so that when the Revised Code, which is submitted to you for adoption at the present session, is printed, they may be incorporated therein.

“Amend Section 23 of the Code to read as follows:

“Sec. 23. All applications for the Chapter Degrees must be made by petition to the Chapter nearest the place where the candidate resides; provided, that any other Chapter may receive and act upon a petition by and with the consent of such nearest Chapter; provided further, that when two or more Chapters are located in the same city or town they shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction over their aggregate territory.

“Sec. 23a. Wherever two or more Chapters are located within the corporate limits of a town or city and any other Chapter outside of such municipality is so located that the half-way jurisdictional line between it and the nearest Chapter in said city or town falls within the corporate limits thereof, all such Chapters, both within and without such town or city, shall have concurrent jurisdiction within such town or city.

“Sec. 23b. If the half-way jurisdictional line between such outside Chapter and the nearest Chapter in said town or city falls without its corporate limits, the outside Chapter has no jurisdiction within said town or city. In such case the concurrent jurisdiction of the Chapters in said town or city covers the territory within the corporate limits and also the territory outside of said limits which is nearer the Chapter within the town or city than it is to the outside Chapter.

“Sec. 23c. If two towns or cities are so located that the half-way jurisdictional line between a Chapter in one and a Chapter in the other is partly within the corporate limits of each of said towns or cities, each of the Chapters in both such towns or cities shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the aggregate territory of all.”

In a special report of the Foreign Correspondent, the following recommendation was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

“1. That this Grand Chapter with sincere pleasure extends its official recognition to the said Grand Chapter of the Commonwealth of Utah, with an exchange of Grand Representatives, and it also tenders its hearty good will, best wishes and congratulations.”

The Necrologist gives a very extended notice of the dead of Sister Jurisdictions. It was like reading a condensed biography of many distinguished Royal Arch Masons.

Quite a large portion of the volume under review is taken up with reports of officers of the Ohio Masonic Home, which Home has as its Trustees representatives from all the principal Masonic Bodies in Ohio. A most admirable method of procedure, and must unite greatly the Brethren of Ohio.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, Companion O. P. SPERRA, is well worth reading; his remarks are to the point, luminous and, what is best

of all, while discriminating, kind and courteous. Pennsylvania is reviewed. Past Grand High Priest SUNDSTROM'S views are commended.

THOMAS H. ISITT, Grand High Priest.

EDWIN HAGENBUCK, Grand Secretary.

G. H.

OKLAHOMA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma convened for its Twenty-third Convocation in Masonic Hall, Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 16, 1912.

Appropriate welcoming exercises were had, the great key to the City of Muskogee being handed to the Grand High Priest by Companion WILLIAM PERRY MILLER, Mayor, to which response was made by Companion JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, Grand Secretary. Companion MURROW asked all to stand who were present in Muskogee at the First Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1890, and the following arose:

Joseph Samuel Murrow, First Grand High Priest,
Edmond Henry Doyle, First Grand King,
Leo. Edmond Bennett, First Grand Secretary,
William Henry Essex, of first Committee on Finance.
James A. Scott, then a visitor from Missouri.
Napoleon Bonaparte Maxey, then a visitor from Illinois.

These exercises closed with a splendid rendition of the song "The Holy City," by Mrs. Gladys Beall Way of Astrea Chapter No. 14, Order Eastern Star.

All others, save those who were Royal Arch Masons, having retired and a constitutional number being present to constitute a quorum, the Grand High Priest, M. E. CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER, opened Grand Chapter in *Ample Form*.

In his opening remarks the Grand High Priest says:

"I trust that our deliberations will be conducted in peace and harmony, which should always prevail among Masons and that the business we may transact will prove beneficial to Capitular Masonry. Let us have in view only that which will conduce to the advancement and prosperity of our Fraternal Order; and as in the past, let us now renew our Vows of Fidelity and endeavor to live and work for God, our Country and for the uplift of humanity."

Of the Fraternal dead of Sister Jurisdictions he quotes the following striking lines:

"Truly has it been written:
" 'And this is the lesson that
History has taught since the world began
That those whose memories never die,
Who shine like stars in our human sky,
And brighter grow as the years roll by,
Are men who have lived for man.' "

What he says about our Ritualistic work is true everywhere. No surer way do I know of, for a Chapter to lose, even the respect of its own members, than to have indifferent, slothful officers:

"My observation has been, some of the Chapters whose charters are of a number of years standing have never in all their history conferred any of

the degrees without referring to the ritual and this fact seems directly chargeable to lack of ritual instruction or lack of willingness of the first and subsequent officers to properly perform their duties as such. The result has been that such Chapters have never been effective in their communities.

“I have endeavored as best I could to induce the officers of our few weak Chapters to bring about in such Chapters a more healthy condition.”

I give only one of his decisions, indeed, the Grand High Priest states that he has been but seldom called upon in such matters.

“Q. Will you kindly give us a decision on the following questions as to whether a chapter can lawfully ballot upon the application of a companion petitioning for affiliation accompanied by demit, without his having first visited the Chapter.

“Held. Our law appears to be silent on the question, but my ruling is that it would not be necessary provided the investigating committee does its duty, which is to determine the fitness of the applicant.”

The Grand High Priest announced that according to the arrangement made in April, 1911, the Royal Arch Degree would be exemplified by Muskogee Chapter No. 3, at seven-thirty o'clock P. M., and all Companions were invited to be present and witness the work.

Seventy-four Chapters. Membership December 31, 1911, 4,699.

The Committee on Correspondence reviewed Pennsylvania. The old question of nearness of access, the proper propinquity, is still debatable.

MILO ARTHUR NELSON, Grand High Priest.

LEO EDMOND BENNETT, Grand Secretary.

G. H.

OREGON.

The custom in Oregon of receiving in a formal manner the Representatives of other Jurisdictions is to be commended, for these were received and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest. Such courtesies bring our Jurisdiction in closer Fraternal touch with each other.

Let me quote from the Grand High Priest's address (M. E. Companion C. J. BUCHANAN), for his address is admirable:

“Masonry stands before the world as the highest type of manhood—that of brotherly kindness and charity toward all.

“We, as we each search our inner conscience, know just how far we, as individuals, are exemplifying the precepts of our craft, and thereby testing our helpfulness towards its advancement.

“Each of us is building for eternity, a temple not made with hands, and have for our guide, the bright and unalterable star of Truth, whose clear light leads on and upward to the realization of the Fatherhood of God, and our oneness with Him. We are admonished ever to move forward:

“ ‘Forward! Whatever clouds are overhead,
However dim the stars may above us shine,
We stumble when our steps by fear are led;
The only guide we need is Love divine!

“ ‘Forward! Although at times our feet may bleed;
Forward! Whatever anguish wrings our hearts!
Eternal Mind supplies each human need,
And the bright star of Love ne’er departs!’ ”

His allusion to those with whom in our several Jurisdictions we are wont to meet and greet, but who have gone on before, ought to touch us all: “As we miss their familiar faces we must feel that they have been called to a higher work and more active service on another plane. We are left with the inspiration

of their nobler acts and feel since mind is the eternal builder, they are still working on the Temple of Perfection.”

Yes! it is true, Companions, it may be ours in a brighter, better world, free from the drawbacks we have here, to exercise our purified, noblest powers.

I give two of his decisions:

“Question 1. Is it permissible to take three candidates in the Mark Master’s degree at the same time in presenting work?

“Answer: No.

“Can they be obligated at the same time?

“Answer: No.

“Question 2. Can the M. E. M. degree be communicated in the absence of proper appointments for conferring the degree?

“Answer: No. In conferring M. E. M. degree, there must be members enough present to fill the officers’ stations and the degree work given in full.”

This is contrary to our custom, in the matter of the first decision.

As to the second, there ought to have been no question raised.

The Grand Secretary furnished the following statistics:

Number of Chapters in the Jurisdiction	34
Number of Members Reported	3518
Number Exalted	294
Number Affiliated	69
Number Reinstated	6
Number Demitted	22
Number Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues	25
Number Expelled	1
Number Died	43

A great amount of business was done by the Grand Chapter—

The presentation and adoption of a form of installation for the Grand Lecturer and the three Grand Masters of the Veil.

The report of a Committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, which was referred back to the Committee, owing to the length of the report and the shortness of the time left for consideration.

OSCAR HAYTER, Grand High Priest.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Correspondence reviewed Pennsylvania fully, H. B. THIELSEN, Chairman.

G. H.

QUEBEC.

The M. E. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec, assembled in Thirty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, at three o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

A picture of J. ALEX. CAMERON, Grand First Principal Z., 1912, greets one as he opens the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. The M. E. Companion THEO. A. EMMENS was unable to preside on account of sick-

ness and the Grand Chapter passed a resolution extending the sincere sympathy of the Companions; with the hope that he might be speedily restored to his accustomed health and vigor, which was taken by a rising vote.

The Grand Scribe E. then read the address of the Grand First Principal Z. After reviewing the standing of the order he makes the following suggestions:

“I have for some years been of the opinion that perhaps more interest would be taken by the Companions in Capitular Masonry if they were better instructed in the several Degrees of the Chapter. In the Craft Lodge the Candidate has to pass an examination in one degree before he can be advanced to the next, but in the Chapter this not being compulsory, is never done, consequently a very large majority of the Companions are not well posted, and feel very diffident about visiting any other Chapter than their own, knowing they will have to pass an examination, consequently the Companion desiring to visit rarely does so, unless being quite sure that he can be vouched for. The Companions do not feel competent, being in doubt as to his or their ability to prove themselves one of the Order. I am afraid this is one of the reasons why so many do not visit other Chapters oftener than they do. It might be well to take this subject into consideration, and look into the matter of conferring the degrees, and consider if we are not in too much of a hurry in pushing our Candidates through without more proper and much needed instruction.”

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of the district show that they have been faithful in the performance of their duties. The report of Grand Scribe E. gives a total membership of 1383, being a net increase of 85 for the year. The Grand Treasurer's report showed a neat balance in the Royal Bank of Canada.

Companion E. T. D. CHAMBERS as usual writes the Report on Foreign Correspondence. He gives Pennsylvania, 1910-11, courteous notice.

M. E. Companion J. ALEX. CAMERON, Montreal, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion WILL H. WHYTE, Montreal, Scribe E.

G. P. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island was held in Freemasons' Hall, Providence, Tuesday, March 14, A. D. 1911, A. I. 2441, at ten o'clock A. M.

The address of the Grand High Priest is full of details of his acts during his year of administration. He notices the flourishing condition of Royal Arch Masonry in general. I call attention to the following ruling:

“I received a request from Aquidneck Chapter No. 9, for a ruling relative to two applications that had been received by that Chapter from brethren who were members of Lodges in Pennsylvania, but who had given up their permanent residence in that State, and who had resided only six months in Rhode Island and within the jurisdiction of Aquidneck Chapter; and if they had not resided a long enough time in Rhode Island, that a request for release be made of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

“I decided: That a Brother, a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, who has removed to Rhode Island and has resided within this Jurisdiction only six months, has not resided here a long enough period to acquire a Masonic residence, the requisite time being one year; neither has

a Chapter in the Jurisdiction from which he came any power to release him, as he had permanently removed from its authority. My reply more fully stated was as follows:

“ ‘As these Brethren have resided in Rhode Island for a period of only six months, they have not resided within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter for the required period of time. While the requisite term of residence of an applicant is not laid down in our Constitution and General Regulations, yet in such instances we follow, according to custom, the Constitution and General Regulations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which require a residence of a period of one year within the State and of six months within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge, next preceding the date of his application.

“ ‘Furthermore, as the aforesaid Brethren have permanently given up their residence in Pennsylvania, for a residence in Rhode Island, they are not now within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Consequently, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has no right to release jurisdiction over Brethren over whom they have no authority.

“ ‘Your Chapter cannot therefore legitimately receive the applications of the Brethren in question until they have resided in Rhode Island for a period of one year.’

“ ‘I further directed Aquidneck Chapter that as their records contained the receiving of the two applications, they should see to it that at the next regular Convocation, mention be made of the absence of jurisdiction of the Chapter over the applicants, and that a minute to this effect be made on their records.

“ ‘In this connection I would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, in order to lay down a definite rule for future procedure:

“ *Resolved*, That in all cases where the law of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is silent, the law of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, F. & A. M., shall, where applicable in similar cases, be adopted and followed for the government of Subordinate Chapters.”

The Grand King and the Grand Scribe made interesting statistical reports of their doings.

The Grand Secretary reported in part: 10 Chapters, present membership 3,977.

The Grand Treasurer reported \$8,948 in the treasury.

The proceedings furnish admirable memorials of a number of Illustrious Companions, who died during the past year.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

GEORGE C. KNIGHT,	Woonsocket, <i>M. E. Grand High Priest.</i>
HERBERT BLISS,	Newport, <i>R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.</i>
ARTHUR B. TYLER,	Pawtucket, <i>R. E. Grand King.</i>
JAMES H. THURSTON,	Providence, <i>R. E. Grand Scribe.</i>
AMASA C. TOURTELLOT,	Providence, <i>R. E. Grand Treasurer.</i>
WILLIAM R. GREENE,	Providence, <i>R. E. Grand Secretary.</i>

G. H.

SCOTLAND.

We acknowledge receipt of the roll of officers of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland and the roll of members of the Supreme Grand Chapter. This is very interesting in that it shows the cosmopolitan character of this Grand Jurisdiction. The latter part of the book gives in detail the ceremonies of the festival of the Vernal Equinox, with a frontispiece representing the ancient ceremony. They dined together in the Banqueting Hall of the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow. The motto introducing the menu and toast list was "To do good for its own sake was the life-long object of the Brothers."

I am sorry not to be able to give extracts from each one of the toasts, but feel that space will only permit this one with reference to Scottish Masonry:

"We have at present 137 Chapters in Scotland, and 135 outwith this country absolutely active and in good standing. Some 28 are dead or inactive, and, so far as I can gather, about 67 have left us. To show

how varied our interests are, and how far we extend over the world, I may remind you that this year 13 Charters have been granted—4 in Scotland, 3 in New South Wales (where we have more Chapters already than the local Grand Chapter, and I congratulate the Grand Superintendent, Companion Perry, and his officers on the splendid tone and character of his membership), 2 in South Africa, 1 in Siam, 1 in Spain, and 1 in Sierra Leone. I have omitted one at a large center in India which is likely to be a very strong one, and I ought not to omit a word of thanks to the Grand Superintendent there and his Scribe E., though it is almost invidious to single out any one of our district Commanders when they all are so loyal, helpful, enthusiastic, and full of learning and spirit of the Craft.

“I have said that Royal Arch Masonry is distributed pretty well over the world. What about its relation to other degrees? I do not refer to the Grand Orients, or to other Continental systems, but I feel I must say that there is a little bit of feeling among Masons regarding the recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of certain Degrees in Masonry lately, and of certain Degrees only. Some Companions thought it an invidious action, but I think with Grand Lodge, we are quite right in taking a lead in this matter, because, as many of you know, in some parts of the world, in America, for instance, there are a good many spurious Degrees which purport to be connected with Scottish Masonry and are not, and there appear to be persons trading on the fact. These are doing a great deal of harm to the Brotherhood in Scotland and also to Scottish Masons abroad. I think it would be a great advantage, not only to the craft, but to all true Masonic bodies, that there should be some definition of what true Masonry is.”

In re spurious Masonry the following special case was acted upon:

“Grand Scribe E. reported that, in regard to an application which had reached him, through Chapter Ayr No. 250, for a demit in favor of Companion Matthew McBlain Thomson, at present in America, and following upon certain authentic information and documents which had been placed in his hands, he had delayed issuing the demit, to enable Supreme Committee to give him instructions.

“From the information placed before them, the Committee were of opinion that a *prima facie* case had been fully established against the Companion mentioned, for being actively concerned in the working and establishment of spurious Bodies and Degrees in America and elsewhere not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or any of the Bodies with which it is in amity, and the circumstances of Companion Thomson’s connection with

these spurious Bodies and Degrees appeared to involve serious reflections upon him.

“In the circumstances, the Committee felt they had no option but to direct that the demit be not in the meantime issued, and that Companion Matthew McBlain Thomson be placed under suspension *interim*. They directed this to be intimated to the Scribe E. of the Chapter.

“They further remitted to Companions Calder, Cunningham and Grand Scribe E. to frame a statement of the charge against the Companion mentioned, and directed this to be served upon him at the earliest opportunity, to be answered within the period mentioned in the Constitution in respect of Petitions and Complaints, or such other period as the Special Committee mentioned might fix.”

Colonel R. KING STEWART, of Murdstoun, a portrait of whom, in full Capitular dress, appears as a frontispiece, is the M. E. First Grand Principal.

A. A. A. MURRAY, M. E. Grand Scribe E.

G. P. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, assembled in Grand Convocation at the Masonic Temple in Chester, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of February, 1912, at 12 M.

The front cover of these proceedings shows the palmetto tree, the seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, and the significant figures 1811-1912, this being the One Hundred and First Grand Convocation. The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*. On motion it was Resolved, That the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Convocation be allowed *per diem* for two days. Grand

High Priest J. L. MICHIE delivered his address. His introduction was as follows:

“Another year with its lights and its shadows, its joys and its sorrows, its doubtings and its fears, its successes and its failures, with its love and tender memories, and with its opportunities for good or evil, has passed swiftly, oh! so swiftly, over our heads, but, watched over by the All-Seeing Eye that never slumbereth nor sleepeth, sustained and soothed by the Omnipotent Power that never faileth, guided by the Almighty Hand that never faltereth, and humbly grateful to the Bountiful Giver of All Good for all the tender mercies he has bestowed upon us, we meet today in our one hundred and first Annual Convocation. Let us, as becomes the creatures, offer up the tribute of sincere and grateful hearts to our Almighty Creator, whose Wisdom hath directed us, whose strength has supported us, whose Love has blessed us, and whose everlasting arms have been around and about us during the past century.

“And now, at the beginning of another century of our existence as a Masonic Body, let us renew our vows made at our Sacred Altar, let us emulate the well-known virtues of those Companions in whose footsteps we have tried to follow, and breathe the spirit of the prayerful hymn we all learned in our early childhood:

“ ‘Tis true, life's shores are shifting
Every year,
And we are seaward drifting
Every year;
Old places changing fret us,
The living more forget us,
There are fewer to regret us
Every year.

“ ‘But the truer life dawns nigher
Every year,
And its morning star climbs higher
Every year;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter
Every year.’ ”

He issued a special dispensation to receive the petition of a Brother who had a stiff ankle, and if elected,

to confer on him the Royal Arch Degrees. We wonder whether the same action would be taken if the Brother had a stiff knee.

He made a decision that it was not necessary for a candidate to have resided more than six months in the State of South Carolina before applying for Chapter Degrees. The report of the Committee on the "Texas Plan" was adopted, namely:

"No petitioner for the Degree of Royal Arch Masonry shall be eligible unless he be a member in good standing of some Lodge of Ancient Free Masons. Further, That each applicant for the Royal Arch Degree shall, at the time of his applying for initiation in a Royal Arch Chapter, file also his petition, accompanied by the fee for initiation into a Council of Royal and Select Masters."

The Committee on Finance reports a balance on hand of \$5,412.03. The Correspondence report is prepared by Companion J. L. MICHIE and occupies more than half the space of the proceedings, with apologies to the Shade of Burns he introduces his work with this stanza:

"My pencil too rude is to tell all the goodness
Bestowed on your servant, the writer;
Would to God I had one like a beam of the sun,
And then all the world should be brighter."

Pennsylvania is given two pages of review and he quotes Companion BATES' Conclusion in full. We quote the following from the Conclusion of our Companion from the Palmetto State:

"Of course there are a few questions that reviewers debate among themselves, in a friendly manner, such as Dependent Membership, the 'Texas Plan,' Physical Qualifications, Documentary Evidence, etc. On these ques-

tions, opinions differ very radically, but as each Grand Chapter is a law unto itself in such matters, we can see no good that can come out of a prolonged discussion.

“Speaking for himself, the writer is heartily in favor of Dependent Membership and the Texas Plan, and he would like to see the ‘Perfect Youth Fad’ buried deep in the rubbish pile. He would like to see his Companions of the Royal Craft stick more closely to *the Spirit* that breathes life and love all around, and lean less on *the letter* that wounds and destroys.

“As to Documentary Evidence, this is a very ancient requirement, and goes back to the ‘Regulation’ of 1663, and is almost necessary in Jurisdictions where clandestine Masonry flourishes. We quote the old regulation referred to:

“ ‘That no person who shall hereafter be accepted a Free Mason shall be admitted into any Lodge or Assembly until he has brought a certificate of the time and place of his acceptance from the Lodge that accepted him unto the Master of that limit or division where such Lodge is kept.’ ”

Companion JAMES L. MICHIE, Darlington, M. E.
Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Columbia, Grand
Secretary.

G. P. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Twenty-third Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in the city of Deadwood, commencing Thursday, June 13, Anno Domini 1912, Anno Inventionis 2442, at nine o'clock A. M.

Upon roll call it was found that a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest then delivered his address,

which is published in full in the Proceedings. He speaks of a number of dispensations which he granted, and also gives a number of his decisions. He refused one application for dispensation, to ballot for a candidate without satisfying the constitutional time. The report on Correspondence was presented by Companion L. G. LEVOY. He seems to have endeavored to secure the photographs of all the Grand Secretaries of each Jurisdiction. Our Companion CHARLES CARY, however, was evidently too modest to have his picture appear. He is one of the few Grand Secretaries whose name appears in the rectangle, where the engraving should have been.

Pennsylvania is given a courteous review. Companion LEVOY completes his twenty-third report on Correspondence. We hope this does not mean "skidoo."

Our Companions in South Dakota like to look at pictures, and we find a steel engraving of JACOB J. NISSES, Grand High Priest, 1911-12. Also full page pictures of Deadwood, 1876-1912; White Rocks overlooking Deadwood, and Spearfish Falls, near Deadwood. These are very interesting to an Easterner.

C. A. CHRISTOPHERSON, Sioux Falls, M. E. Grand High Priest.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, R. E. Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

TENNESSEE.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, Tennessee, beginning on Monday, January 29, at 9 A. M.

On the frontispiece we note the pleasant face of M. E. JUNIUS HOBSON. From his features we judge him to be just as popular with the fair sex as is his namesake in Congress. A constitutional number of Representatives being present the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* by the Grand Chaplain. The Grand High Priest called attention to the fact that they had been unusually unfortunate in that they lost three Past Grand High Priests during the past year. It is a singular coincidence that two of them lived next door neighbors on the same street in Johnson City and died within ten days of each other. He made an official ruling that a Chapter could not confer the degrees on a Minister of the Gospel free of charge. We note that in Alabama in 1911 the Constitution of the Grand Chapter was amended to read as follows:

Provided, That all regularly ordained Ministers of the Gospel and Rabbis who are actively engaged in the affairs of their ministerial functions and in good standing in their respective Lodges will be entitled upon application and election thereto to receive certain degrees gratuitously. In South Carolina they exempt Ministers of God. He ruled that the Chapter has the inherent right to bring its members to trial

for any offence against the moral or Masonic law, regardless of the action of any other Subordinate Masonic Body. This was in answer to the question, "Can the Chapter bring charges against a member for an offence for which he had been tried and acquitted by the Blue Lodge?"

He granted a dispensation for a new Chapter under peculiar circumstances, as follows:

"Early in my administration I was advised of conditions existing in Pearl Chapter, Knoxville, that were not conducive to the best interests of the fraternity. I had been previously advised of these conditions, but not until they came to me in an official way did I give them attention.

"It was claimed that certain Companions belonging to Pearl Chapter had entered into a compact not to permit any one to join the Chapter, and for months the wheels of progress were stopped. On the 28th I visited this Chapter. After spending much time with the Companions in an unofficial way, and having heard every side of the controversy, I met the Chapter officially at 7.30 P. M., a large percentage of the membership being present. A large majority present were evidently in favor of securing a dispensation for a new Chapter; but after an earnest appeal on my part for them to disregard all past differences, and bring in such petitions as were in sight and put them to ballot; they agreed to this course. I left for home hoping the trouble was ended. I was soon advised that some of the petitions had gone to ballot and were rejected, thereupon the other petitions were permitted to be withdrawn. I again tried to get some agreement by which the organization of a new Chapter could be averted, but finding it impossible, on January 12, 1912, I granted dispensation to Paxton Chapter U. D., the necessary petition having been presented as provided under our law.

"In granting this dispensation, I have not passed upon the merits of this unfortunate condition, but could not see any other way of relieving the damaging situation."

The Treasurer reports a substantial balance of \$6,758.48. In the report of the Grand Secretary he mentions that he had visited a number of the Chapters, also that he met a Representative of a certain

Chapter and advised him to go home and get busy, and as an encouragement promised to visit the Chapter when called, and he was notified in November that they had a class of twenty-six ready for all the degrees. On December 4th he fulfilled his promise. The sudden unexpected drop in the price of cotton struck terror in the hearts of many and only seven out of the twenty-six presented themselves for the degrees.

The returns show 335 exaltations, 45 examinations.

The Correspondence report was prepared by Companion J. H. McCLISTER. In his preamble he says:

“While the daily press is teeming with reports of frightful accidents, atrocious murders, revolutions, both external and internal, and the business world is convulsed with the effects of trusts and combinations, we turn to the pages where none of these are recorded—the history of Royal Arch Masonry as we find it in the proceedings of the Grand Chapters during the past year. There all is peace and quiet; there no discord arises; everything moves in harmony, because the teaching of the Great Master in Israel is our law and our guide.”

Pennsylvania is given a review of three pages, in which he speaks especially of the 315 pages of our Report on Correspondence and also of Companion BATES' Conclusion, which he says he would like to clip, but the length forbids. Companion McCLISTER's report is a very interesting one and he is able to take his own part in any discussion.

R. E. JUNIUS HOBSON, Sumerville, Grand High Priest.

R. E. J. B. GARRETT, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

UTAH.

We are in receipt of the first annual proceedings of the First Convocation, and are pleased to welcome the first cry of this hearty baby. The brochure is illustrated with photographs of General Grand High Priest KINGSLEY, and Grand High Priest C. F. JENNINGS; also with cuts of the Masonic Temples at Provo, Park City, Ogden, and Salt Lake City. The Grand High Priest in his report gave the circular letter addressed to the Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons wheresoever dispersed about the globe, requesting fraternal recognition for the Grand Chapter and soliciting the exchange of fraternal representatives. He says that from nearly all the recognized Chapters they have received acknowledgments extending, in an informal way, greetings and best wishes for the success of this Grand Chapter. He gives in detail an account of his visits to a number of Subordinate Chapters.

Companion E. O. LEATHERWOOD submits his first effort at reviewing and begs for lenient criticism. I am sure that the Companion needs to make no apology as he has the facile pen of a ready writer. In his review of Pennsylvania for 1911 he speaks of our Convocations and the fact that the way we do the work must be "going some." I wish he could drop in and see the way our Grand High Priest conducts the Grand Chapter. Our Companion takes up the old story of our seven Grand Chaplains and says, as so many have said before him, "perhaps we need them."

He also points out that we have eleven on our Jurisprudence Committee, and says he thinks that with such powerful checks upon any tendency to err, one would look in vain for evidence of either moral or legal obliquity. He also quotes a little from our imposing title and says, "but why not, is it not the Keystone State"? Go ahead, poke all the fun you like, Companion LEATHERWOOD, you can't get our goat, no matter how hard you try.

M. E. Grand High Priest HERMAN J. CRAVEN,
Ogden.

R. E. Grand Secretary ADOLPH ANDERSON, Salt
Lake City.

G. P. S.

VERMONT.

The Ninety-fifth Convocation of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont, convened in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, at nine o'clock A. M., on Friday, the fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442.

The portrait of SAMUEL T. BRALEY, M. E. Grand High Priest, 1911, adorns the frontispiece of this brochure. In his report he says he attended eight district meetings during the year and that all the Subordinate Chapters, with a few exceptions, are in a prosperous condition. He granted several dispensations which he said seemed for the good of the Craft and

the Chapter asking for the dispensation. He recommended that the Grand Chapter furnish to each of the Subordinate Chapters to conform to requirements of the adopted work. This recommendation is made after seeing in use at the district meetings a large variety of . . . no two alike and very few that met the requirements.

The Grand Secretary reports 4267 members, a net gain of 120; the Grand Treasurer a balance of \$13,470.61. The reports of the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests are published in full. The Report on Correspondence is by Companion MARSHALL O. PERKINS. He says it has been prepared, as heretofore, for home consumption, and he sincerely hopes no trace of "fraudulent food sales" may be found in its menu. In reading this report we have found nothing which has given us a touch of indigestion, and we agree with most of the comments which he makes. His report covers 117 pages and reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Bodies. He says: "Everywhere have been found evidences of increasing interest, because of its intrinsic worth, in Capitular Masonry. Only now and then is heard the old familiar complaint of making it a 'stepping stone.' Nearly, if not fully, 500,000 Craftsmen have awakened, as never before, to the beauty and strength of their possession, to the broad scope and great value of the teachings and lessons of their right."

Pennsylvania is given a generous review and the full legal title of our Grand Chapter mentioned.

M. E. HENRY D. BRYANT, Morrisville, Grand High Priest.

R. E. HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

WASHINGTON—1911-1912.

We acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington. A Special Convocation was held at North Yakima, September, 1911, and the Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in Seattle, June 14, 1912.

The face of WESLEY C. STONE, Grand High Priest, greets the reviewer as he opens the book. The Special Convocation was for the purpose of setting the cope stone of the magnificent Temple of the Chapter at Yakima. This stone was procured with much difficulty from the ancient quarries of King Solomon. Pictures of the stone crated, removed from the crate, and the finished Keystone, appeared on page 541, while a full page engraving of the stone in position appears on the following page, and the Temple as completed on a later page. This Temple cost \$200,000 and probably 1000 Masons of high and low degree participated in the placing of the stone in its arch. The parade and ceremony following it was unique, in that it was probably the first seen in the Northwest,

and impressive because of its pomp and display of pageantry relating to the Ancient Order, and dating back to the time of Solomon and the building of the first Temple. The stone was ordered through the American Consul at Jerusalem and weighed 960 pounds when crated. The original cost of the stone delivered in New York City was \$100; transportation charges \$29.50; duty paid \$51.50; the cutting, setting and attending ceremonies brought the total cost to about \$600. We are sorry we cannot give the address of Grand Orator VAN PATTEN in full, but this would be impossible as it occupies ten pages of fine print.

In the report of the Grand High Priest at the Regular Convocation, we note that four new Chapters were formed during the year. He decided that a Brother, now a member of Blue Lodge, with one foot off at the ankle could not get the Chapter Degrees in Washington, as the By-Laws of their Grand Chapter state that "he must be a natural man, and not one made of wood, cork, or substance other than human flesh and bone."

The Grand Secretary reported a membership of 3631, a net gain of 140 for the year. The Grand Treasurer shows a balance in the general fund of \$2,755. Grand Orator VAN PATTEN gives in detail the report of his visit to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play, and this is given in twenty-five pages of the report and makes very interesting reading, although, as he says, it may not be classed as purely Masonic in its character, anything which is marked

with the principles of religion should ever be contemplated with interest and studied with care.

Companion Y. C. BLALOCK presented his twenty-second annual report, and every page shows that he is on to his job. Pennsylvania is reviewed in three pages, and he quotes the decisions of our Grand High Priest and gives the amended Constitution requirements for jewels for officers of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. WILLIAM G. ROWLAND, Grand High Priest, Tacoma.

R. E. YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary, Walla Walla.

G. P. S.

WISCONSIN.

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin was opened in *Ample Form* in the Royal Arch Degree in the Masonic Temple Building, corner Jefferson and Oneida Streets, in the city of Milwaukee, on Tuesday afternoon, February 20th, at two o'clock.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, ROBERT B. LANG, paid a very high tribute to Freemasonry in his address. After speaking of Masonic charity he says:

“But not alone in deeds of charity has Masonry blessed the world. For nearly thirty centuries it was the bank of the world, in which the fine arts and sciences, the knowledge and wisdom of mankind, were deposited, and there preserved from loss and destruction during the dark ages when

war, rapine and murder desolated whole empires. The mystic sign by day and the cabalistic cry by night have robbed war of many of its horrors and atrocities, and rescued many a gem of thought from the fell destroyer's hand.

“It seems to me that religion, too, could well afford to receive and acknowledge Masonry as her handmaid, for many things in the Old Scriptures of dark and doubtful import receive elucidation and explanation at the hand of Masonry, and every well-informed Royal Arch Mason knows that the world and the church are indebted to the Craft for the restoration and preservation of about one-half of the Old Testament Scriptures.”

He quotes the following, which is worthy of place here:

“Four things a Mason must learn to do,
If he would make his record true.
To think without confusion clearly,
To love his fellow men sincerely,
To act from honest motives purely,
To trust in God and Heaven securely.”

The dispensations were largely formal, and he gives the amount of each fee charged. The rate seems to be about \$2.00 for the ordinary dispensation. The Report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Companion SAMUEL WRIGHT. Companion WRIGHT is a very clever writer; that is, he writes all right, as he should, as he is “Wright” all the time. He gives Pennsylvania a review and suggests that our Jurisdiction is in a very deplorable condition from what he can glean from our Grand High Priest's report under electioneering. He says we practice methods at our election that would make an ordinary “ward healer” blush, if not immediately retire from business with disgust. I think he must have misunderstood the English of our Companion SUNDSTROM.

He thinks the edict very peculiar which prohibits Pennsylvania R. A. Masons from recognizing a resident of Pennsylvania who received the Capitular Degrees in the Jurisdiction of New York, and thinks that the Jurisdiction of New York is the party to deal with, and not the candidate.

ROBERT B. LANG, Racine, Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

G. P. S.

WYOMING.

The Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, met in Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Laramie, Wyoming, on Friday, March 15, A. D. 1912, A. I. 2442, at ten o'clock A. M.

The Grand High Priest, JACOB F. HOOP, reported a very successful year for that Jurisdiction. He says that all the material wants have been amply supplied, peace and harmony prevail within our Grand Jurisdiction, business is prosperous, and there is general prosperity throughout the land. The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 830, being a net gain of 26.

Nearly the whole of this volume is devoted to the Report on Correspondence, by Companion ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, and 144 pages contain the review of the proceedings of the different Grand Jurisdictions.

Companion PARSHALL has evidently devoted a great deal of time and thought to this review, and it is a real pleasure to follow his comments. Pennsylvania, 1911, is given three pages, and the Conclusion of Companion STOCKTON BATES quoted in full. He calls attention to the fact that it seems queer to him that we do not hold allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, for he says the points of difference are not clear, nor do they appear in the minutes which he has been able to secure. We wish to assure our Companion that we are a sovereign Grand Body, as a matter of landmark and principle, not because we feel that we are so different from our Brother Companions in other Jurisdictions.

ROBERT H. LAWRENCE, Green River, Grand High Priest.

ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

G. P. S.

CONCLUSION.

Done. We have reached the end of our labor. Even these words are unnecessary—unnecessary as the grocer's codfish sign.

A grocer in a country town received an invoice of excellent salt codfish. He picked out one of the finest, tacked it on a board and wrote under it these words:

“Nice, fine, fresh codfish for sale here,” and hung the board outside of his store.

Soon after, a neighbor came in and said: “John, that's a queer sign you have outside.”

“What's the matter with it?” replied John.

“You say nice, fine, etc. Now nice and fine are tautological.”

“All right,” answered John, “I'll cross out ‘nice’.”

Soon after, a customer came in and said: “John, why do you say ‘here’ on that sign outside? Of course the fish are for sale here, not over at Tom Jones's.”

“Very well, I'll cross out ‘here’.”

Not long afterward, a friend dropped into the store. “John,” said he, “why do you say ‘fine’ out there on your sign? That's a whole codfish; not dessicated.”

“Good gracious, then I'll cross out ‘fine’.”

As the morning wore on, another customer came in and laughingly accosted John with the remark: “Your sign out there says, ‘codfish for sale.’ Everyone who knows you, knows that you don't give things away.”

“Mercy me,” said John, “I'll erase ‘for sale’.”

A professor entered the store and, accosting John, said, "Why do you say on your sign, 'fresh codfish,' when anyone can see that it is a salt fish?"

John in despair exclaimed, "Blast it all, I'll cut out 'fresh'."

This change left the word 'codfish' standing under the fish.

Finally, the village joker came into the store, and said, "John, what do you take the citizens of this village for—fools? You've got a codfish nailed up on a board and everyone knows a codfish, yet you've got its name written under it. This is worse than the artist who wrote under his drawing, 'This is a horse'."

And so, word by word, the sign was eliminated; and there hung the codfish with the legend underneath crossed out as here shown:

~~Nice, fine, fresh codfish for sale here.~~

And so I cross out the word "~~Done~~" and commit our labor to the tender mercies of type and printers' ink.

S. B.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.,
STOCKTON BATES,
JOHN M. CORE,
GEORGE HALE,
GEORGE PARK SINGER.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795-1912.

YEAR	FIRST GRAND CHIEF	SECOND GRAND CHIEF	THIRD GRAND CHIEF	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1797	Jonathan B. Smith		Thomas Town		
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amics	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	"	"
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	"
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	John Thomson
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"

YEAR	GRAND HIGH PRIEST	GRAND KING	GRAND SCRIBE	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1890	"	"	"	"	"
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	"	"
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	"
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	Charles Cary
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	"	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Edward B. Spencer	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1912.

ITS CHAPTERS, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING, AND SECRETARIES.

No.	NAME	CONSTITUTED IN	PLACE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SECRETARY
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Schriver, Harrisburg
43	1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	James H. Anderson, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	Charles F. Wignall, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	John W. McDowell, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	William D. Butler, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Frank W. Simmons, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Coddington, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William Seddon, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Holidaysburg	Third Tuesday	Harry M. Henshey, Holidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	William A. Kamarer, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Bradley W. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland ..	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington ..	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon ..	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	Laird H. Barber, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	Stockton Bates, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	W. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Wm. E. Wormald, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Timothy Davis, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	First Tuesday	O. Clare Kent, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday..	R. K. Portser, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tioga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City ..	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phoenix	1861	Phoenixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phoenixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	David P. Shultz, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	James H. Wright, Corry
201	Standing Stone ..	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne ..	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon.	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville.	Thurs. on or before full moon.	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	John S. Bradley, Titusville
208	Germanatown	1866	Germanatown, Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germanatown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins.	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	Charles D. Elliott, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred W. Moser, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Matthew J. Schmid, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington..	1868	Fort Washington..	First Thursday	John M. Krupp, Lansdale
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	John C. Dilfield, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon ..	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Cyrus H. Blood, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila..	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporium	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	I. Henry Mott, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	Thomas E. Weber, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	William G. Kramer, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Edward R. Marsh, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman ..	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Third Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watson town	Wednesday after full moon ..	Fred A. Reen, Watson town
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	John P. Norman, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	William C. Ash, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Fourth Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Lanerch
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Pittsburgh
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Edward A. Price, Jr., Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Ambrose D. Sloan, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thurs. on or before full moon.	Charles N. Greene, Troy, Bradford
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	John P. Reighart, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	William A. Ritter, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan ..	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	C. William Troxell, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William A. Stein, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square ..	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna..	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Edmund Randall, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Charles A. Dickinson, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Second Thursday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	Second Tuesday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mispeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S. ..	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	William D. Cowan, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem ..	First Friday	Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Elmer L. Engle, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald

MARK LODGES.

91	Columbia	1825	Philadelphia	Second Monday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Samuel W. Wray, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

*From General Returns of Chapters to December 27,
1912.*

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
3	Jerusalem	24	3	11	2	6	672
21	Perserverance	18		2	2	4	308
43		8	1	7			351
52	Harmony	45	7	25	10	11	1,219
91	Columbia	27	2	15		12	744
150	Washington	9	3	1	2	6	265
152	Reading	5	1	7	1	3	244
159	Schuylkill						49
161	Union	12		3	1		212
162	Zerubbabel	42	5	22	1	15	1,167
163	La Fayette	12		3			152
164	Brownsville	4		1		1	148
165	Union	10	3	1			231
166	Mount Moriah	3	1	3			108
167	Eureka	2		2	2		147
169	Philadelphia	2		3	9	8	245
170	Delta	14	1	4	1	10	346
171	St. John's	8		1		6	138
172	Temple	2		1	1		111
173	Easton	11		4		5	306
174	Northumberland	13				3	143
175	Keystone	32	4	12	5	3	638
176	George Washington	11	2	3			146
177	Tamaqua	3		1	2		76
178	Catawissa	1		1			39
179	Eureka	6					163
180	Warren	2	1				46
181	Lilly	1		7			130
182	Shekinah	9	4	5	2	4	363
183	Oriental	54	3	29	3		1,225
185	Lackawanna	11	2	6	5	10	433
186	Lewistown	2			1	6	104
187	Oriental			2	1	1	89
189	Mountain	21	1	6			369
190	Norristown	11	1	8	3	3	412
191	Solomon	2		2		8	90

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
192	Urania	11		6		2	337
193	Duquesne	37	2	9	1	1	955
194	Tioga	4			15	2	61
195	Portage	14	1	3	1		257
196	Mountain City	7		4		5	169
197	Weidle	17		3		1	177
198	Phoenix	6		4		3	241
199	Howell	8	1	4	4	4	255
200	Columbus	9			1		99
201	Standing Stone	6		1	1		105
202	Howell	10	1	4		1	146
203	Allen	9		5	1		288
204	Anthony Wayne	6	1	2			89
205	Factoryville	3				2	69
206	Harmony	22		2	1		209
207	Aaron	1		1	1	1	75
208	Germantown	12		8		1	322
209	Samuel C. Perkins	2	2				82
210	Great Bend		1	1	1		32
211	Venango	3	7	5	3		219
212	Mound	10	1	2	1		206
214	Valley	4		2	1	3	83
215	Temple	8	3	2	3		389
216	Zinzendorf	6		2	1		108
217	Allegheny	21	1	10	2	5	778
218	Bloomsburg	1		5			90
219	Griscom	9		2			111
220	Fort Washington	5				5	84
221	Tremont	7	1	2	2		79
222	Lycoming	36	1	7	2	1	452
223	Oxford	4		1			110
224	Corinthian	2		2			123
225	Jefferson	24		3	2		280
226	Siloam	16	1	5	1	2	291
227	Emporium	3	2	1			97
228	Clearfield	13	2	3	1		191
230	Elk	3	6	2	1	3	148
232	St. John	14	7	8	3	4	267
233	Kensington	13	1	11	3	8	510
234	Media	10	3	3	1	2	124
235	Occidental	4	1	5	1	4	159

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
236	Oil City	7	1	8	2	2	241
237	Excelsior	19	2	7	2	5	468
238	Newport	4	2	2			68
239	Danville		1	4			78
240	Palestine	28	4	14	4	6	621
241	Bellefonte			2	1		95
242	Pittston	8		1	1	4	171
243	T. B. Freeman	30	4	13	2	5	826
244	Norman	13	1	4		1	195
245	Abington	4		1	1		133
246	Warrior Run	9	2			1	150
247	Orient	3	1	1			253
248	Temple	10		10	8	1	284
249	Monongahela	7	2	3		5	195
250	Corinthian	10	2	5	1	6	353
251	Signet	13	1	7	1		240
252	Mizpah	1		4	1		90
254	Arnold	5					46
255	Bedford	6	1	1		3	88
256	University	62	5	8	15	8	704
257	Shiloh	21		14	3		611
258	Chester	18	1	7	2	1	377
259	Eden	7		3	1		180
260	Bradford	6	3	7	2	12	265
261	Troy	4		3	2		82
262	Montgomery	8	1	2	1	1	219
263	Coudersport	2	1				89
264	Shamokin	4					147
265	Westfield	2	1	2			37
266	Good Samaritan	2		5	2	5	105
267	Coatesville	16	1	1		1	180
268	Pittsburgh	30	5	5		9	545
269	Ulysses	10	2	1			50
270	Doylestown	5		1			127
271	Pottstown	9			1	4	198
272	Hebron	6		2	1	6	89
273	Butler	10	5	3		9	237
274	Bangor	4		2			100
275	Kennett	6		2		1	68
276	The Susquehanna	1		2	1	1	69
277	Hazleton	5		2		2	170

No.	NAME	MARKED	ADM.	DIED	RES.	SUS.	MEMB.
278	Catasauqua	8	1	1		3	155
279	Kane				1	1	87
280	Cyrus	34	1	1		1	314
281	Monroe	2		3		3	121
282	McKeesport	68		3	2		576
283	Connellsville	9		4			146
284	Melita	31	1	4		4	659
285	Wilkinsburg	11	7	1		1	315
286	Bellevue	18	2	2		2	258
287	Nanticoke	1		1	1		30
288	Mizpeh	19		1	4		210
289	Valley	21		1			151
290	Monessen	14		2			141
291	Ezra	13					90
292	Slatington	6					62
293	Amity	12	1	1			68
294	Darius	8	2				65
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